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Met according to adjournment

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dow, Patterson and Eddy. —

Order of the Common Council, directing that the sum of five thousand dollars be drawn from the appropriation for the purchase of land and erection of a new School House in lieu of the Franklin School House, and that the same sum be added to the appropriation for incidental expenses; and that the expenditure incurred in the reception of General Lafayette be charged to incidental expenses. — Came up for concurrence. School house Ward No 12.

Read and concurred.

Petition of William Little, Esquire & others, praying that a meeting of the Citizens may be called, to ascertain the minds of the Inhabitants relative to the proposed New bridge from Charlestown to Boston; and that if the Citizens approve of the object of the petition now pending before the Legislature, that they may express their minds in the same manner as they did in relation to the proposed bridge from South Boston, so far as to request their delegates to aid the petition through the Legislature. Little Charlestown bridge

Read and thereupon Ordered, that the City Clerk issue a warrant for the meeting of the Citizens at Faneuil Hall, on Wednesday the twelfth day of January, instant, at ten Clock A. M.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Rice, praying that Rice

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the Alley running from Liberty square to Milk street may be straightened reported that if the proprietors of the lands between Liberty square and Milk street could agree to make the passage way running through said lands from Liberty square to Milk street which is now crooked, straight, so that the southerly end should be opposite to the northerly end of Oliver street it would be a useful improvement to the public and no damage to the proprietors.— But as the entrance of said passage way from Liberty square is considerably narrower than the same passageway is in its general course, so far as it runs by the estate of Mr Rice it is deemed by this committee inexpedient to allow said passage way to be narrowed on Liberty square.— It is contemplated that the new buildings to be erected on the easterly side of that part of Kilby street, formerly called Adams street, shall be so placed as to leave said street forty feet wide, all the way from Liberty square to Milk street.— All which is respectfully submitted.

David W. Child
Joseph H. Dorr
} committee

Read and accepted.

House of Correction Male paupers

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Judge of the Municipal Court, relative to the City's claim against the Commonwealth for the expense of supporting Vagabonds in the House of Correction not having a settlement in any town reported, that on examining the accounts of Mr Badlam the master of said House of Correction your committee

find but very few of the accounts, say more than 3.
ten or twelve, that legal vouchers are wanting,
all the others being produced vouched accordin
to the laws of state.— Those few for which
vouchers are wanting must be presented by th
proper officer to the committee of accounts, ap
pointed by the Legislature with the others &
upon a proper representation to said committee,
and the testimony of Mr Badlam, no doubt they
will be allowed, and the City receive the amount
justly due. your Committee are happy to find
that the directions, and mode pointed out by
the board of accounts, to the master of said house,
for obtaining and keeping the necessary vouchers
will in future prevent a similar want of tes-
timony to support the claims of the City upon
the State, for the support of Vagabonds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Caleb Eddy, per order.

Read & accepted.

Ordered, That Daniel Merrill's bill for Merrill
monies paid by him for extra services be allowed,
viz^t eighty five dollars, and that from the first
instant, his salary be five hundred dollars per
annum, payable quarterly, and that no extra
service be allowed hereafter.

The Committee upon the petition of Sam^l Austin
T. Austin, Esquire and others, to have twelve Aldermen
Aldermen chosen, one in each ward, instead of
eight at large as now provided by the Charter,
Reported, That the chairman addressed a
letter to the gentleman, whose name appeared
as first signer to that petition, stating the

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doubts the Board of Aldermen had, in relation to their authority to call a meeting of the citizens in wards on subjects of the nature of that specified in the petition, and suggesting that by changing the tone of the petition so far as to request that a general meeting might be called, for the purpose specified, all difficulty would be obviated. To this letter the gentleman, thus addressed, replied verbally that he did not consider himself as the author of that petition although by accident his name appeared as first signer, and acknowledged that he had himself doubts concerning the authority of the Board, to call a meeting of the citizens in wards on the subject specified. He stated, however, that he had transmitted the letter of the chairman to Mr Ebenezer Clough, who had circulated the petition, and who would call on the chairman on the subject.—

The Chairman has been accordingly favoured with an interview by Mr Ebenezer Clough and Mr Thomas Barnes, who stated that they had circulated the petition and that it was the wish of the subscribers that the meetings should be "in wards" and not "a general meeting in one place"; stating also that it was not a new exercise of authority; that the Board of Aldermen had formerly called a meeting of the citizens in wards, for the choice of Vaccinating Committee.

As the question was placed by these gentlemen on the ground of right, and as the decision, considered as a precedent, seemed to your Committee very important, they have deemed it

their duty to consider carefully the grounds of their opinion, that they may be understood by the board and by their fellow citizens. 5. Aldermen

In the first place, your Committee observe that the question in this case does not turn on the general authority of the board to call meetings of citizens either in wards or in any other way, which they may deem most expedient for the general interest or local convenience, on all occasions of municipal arrangement, which it may be desireable that their will may be known or that their assistance may be attained. Such for instance as the case adduced of their being called in wards to choose Vaccinating Committees.

The subject matter of the recent petition, circulated and presented by Mr Ebenezer Clough, is of a very different character. It proposes the taking the sense of the citizens on an application to the Legislature for an amendment of the City Charter on the requisition of more than fifty qualified voters; and it prays that the meeting for this purpose shall be in Wards.

On reference to the City Charter the committee find that three cases are specifically provided for by the 25th section of that instrument. 1st Consultation on the common good. 2d giving instructions to representatives. 3d taking measures for the redress of grievances; and that for any of these cases on the requisition of fifty qualified voters it is imparative on the board of aldermen to call a general meeting.

Your Committee cannot question that

6. Aldermen

the petition circulated and presented by Mr Clough related to objects specifically provided for in the 25th Section of the City Charter, & which were included in one or other of the three cases above mentioned.

The only questions therefore to be decided by the board of Aldermen are 1st Whether on the requisition of Fifty, or of any number of qualified voters, the board of Aldermen are obliged to call a meeting of the citizens in wards for any of the purposes specified in the 25th Section of the charter. 2d whether, if the board of Aldermen are in such case not obliged, have they a right or can they be justified in calling a meeting of the citizens in wards, for objects, for which "a general meeting" is specifically provided in the charter. On both points your Committee have no doubt. In order to create the obligation specified in the Charter, the requisition of the Fifty qualified voters, must be for such a meeting as the section in the charter providing for that obligation specifies; that is for "a general meeting". Upon the question of "right in the board of aldermen to call meetings in wards, for any of the objects specified in the 25th Section, the opinion of your Committee is equally clear that the board of aldermen have no right on the requisition of any number of qualified voters, by any authority derived from the charter, to call any meeting other than a general meeting for any of the objects in that section specified.

This section of the charter has express reference "to the right secured to the people

by the constitution of this Commonwealth," to assem-
ble.— It is specifically and avowedly intended
to secure that right, according to its ancient
and established usage.— That right has al
ways been exercised, by "general meetings" and
not in wards or sectional meetings.— The reason
of this provision of the City Charter is plainly to
be deduced from the nature of the subject matter
and is conclusive also, in this respect against the
right of the board of Aldermen.— That reason
is that questions of the grave and weighty char-
acter, such as are those which affect the comma
good instructions to representatives or redress of
grievances ought to be decided in general meeting;
that is in such as will give to every citizen the
advantage of the council and intelligence of every
other citizen, on a subject of common and general
interest.— Your Committee therefore are of opin-
ion that the board of aldermen have no right
to and would not be justified by the provisions
of the City Charter in calling a meeting in
wards for the purposes specified in the petition
of Ebenezer Clough and others.— All which is
respectfully submitted.— For the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted & thereupon
Ordered, that the same be published in the
Columbian Centinel, Boston Patriot & Courier.

The Committee of the City Council to Public
whom was referred the order upon the expedi- Buildings
ency of appointing a standing Committee on the
subject of selling or leasing the public buildings

5. of the City, have had that subject under consideration, and ask leave to repeal the following order; Enoch Patterson, pr order.

Ordered, That with such as the Common Council may join, be a standing Committee, for the current year, with full power to lease or let any lands, buildings, or parts of buildings, belonging to the City, upon such terms and conditions, and for such term of time, as they shall think for the interest of the City,- provided, however, that no lease shall be made for more than seven years, without submitting the same to the City Council for their approbation; and provided further, that said Committee shall not be authorized, by this order, to lease or let the Neck lands, the County lands, or any buildings used for City purposes.- Read & not accepted.- Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

School House

The Committee on the subject of selecting & purchasing a lot of land for a School House in Ward No 11. or 12. reported, that they have viewed and selected a piece of land bounding on Washington street belonging to Joshua Davis, Esquire, which your Committee are unanimously of opinion is a suitable place for a school, it being understood, that Franklin school is not to be superseded by this school.- The land contains in the whole Eighty nine thousand, eight hundred square feet, of which nine thousand, four hundred and forty feet is upland, and of which Eighty thousand, three hundred and sixty are flats.

The whole of the above may be purchased

for six thousand dollars.— Your Committee are 9.
of opinion that the lot is reasonable at that
price, and that if purchased, the parts which
will remain may be readily sold at prices which
will leave the space which may be reserved for
a School, at a rate also sufficiently reasonable.

Your Committee therefore recommend that
the same be purchased at the price above ex
pressed.— By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read and accepted.— Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Committee appointed to consider the Spring
expediency of laying Spring Street across the Street
land of Doctor Parkman, to North Allen street,
having viewed the premises, reported a statement
of facts as on file.

Ordered, that the whole board will New Street
meet, at one o'clock tomorrow, for the purpose
of viewing the premises above mentioned, and
lay out the street, if it be thought necessary.

Adjourned until tomorrow one o'clock P.M.
for the purpose of viewing Spring Street.

Tuesday January 4th 1825.

The board met according to adjournment Spring
and proceeded to view Spring Street and the Street
streets adjacent.— and then adjourned to
Thursday evening 6 o'clock P.M.

Thursday January 6th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor Aldermen Baxter Odiorne, Child, Vose, Pattelson & Eddy.

Brookline Boston line established

Ordered That the Mayor Aldermen Baxter and Odiorne, be a Committee for the purpose of petitioning the Legislature to carry into effect the agreement made with the Town of Brookline, establishing the line between said town and this City.

Flats at the bottom of the Common

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. C. Williams Savage and Adan with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to enquire and report what disposition ought to be made of the Flats at the bottom of the Common; and that the Committee be instructed to inquire the nature & extent of the rights of the City in that property. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, and the Mayor and Alderman Vose are joined.

Land near Court House

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Curtis, Goddard & Coolidge with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to consider whether any and what use shall be made of the land and buildings north of the County Court House, and report. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred & Aldermen Vose and Eddy are joined.

South Boston Cider

Believing it to be the duty of the City Council to make known the wish of the Inhabitants of the City upon the subject of a

free bridge a dam from Wheeler's point to South Boston, but without designing to express any opinion on the expediency or inexpediency of that measure. Therefore Ordered, that the City Clerk furnish the representatives from the City of Boston, and the Senators from the County of Suffolk with authenticated Copies of the proceedings and votes of the Citizens of Boston at Faneuil Hall on the subject of the Bridge or Dam from Wheeler's point to South Boston.

Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Davis, Bemis, Redman, Curtis & Washburn, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to purchase the piece of land, according to the plan herewith exhibited belonging to Joshua Davis, for the erection of a School house for the accommodation of the Citizens in the south section of the City, to be paid for on the first of July next, at the sum of six thousand dollars, with interest at the rate of five per cent with authority to charge the City for the same in such form of security, as they may think good.— And the said Committee is instructed to consider the expediency of selling the land recently purchased for the above purpose, and report.— Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Baxter & Patterson are joined.— South end School

The Mayor reports, upon the petition of Ebenezer Smith, that it appears from the papers that Perkins Nichols duly fulfilled the Smith

12. the condition of his deed, and the mortgage ought to be discharged by the City and recommends that an authority be given for that purpose. Read & accepted, and ordered accordingly.

J. Austin Alteration of City Charter relative to Aldermen

Petition of James T. Austin & others, praying that a meeting of the Inhabitants may be called to take the sense of the Citizens that when the City Council applies to the General Court for an alteration of the City Charter, they also request the Legislature so far to amend the City Charter, that instead of eight Aldermen the Citizens may have power to choose twelve so that each ward may be represented in this branch of our City government, and that each ward shall choose its own Alderman and when the vote is taken it be taken in wards by ballot". Read and thereupon

Ordered, that the City Clerk issue a warrent for a general meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday next the 12th instant at 11 Clock A. M.

Adjourned to Monday next half past 6 Clock P. M.

Monday January 10th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The Mayor. Aldermen Barber, Child, Tim Patterson and Eddy.

Office hours

An ordinance for regulating the office hours of the public officers of the

City passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

Petition of the Boston Mill Corporation praying that all obstructions may be removed from Causeway Street and Charlestown Street. Read and referred to the Mayor to consider and report. Boston Mill Corporation

Adjourned to Wednesday next 10 Clock A. M.

Wednesday January 12th 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present The Mayor Aldermen Baxter Child Dorr and Eddy.

The board attended the General meeting of the Citizens at Faneuil Hall. General meeting

Adjourned to Monday next 6 Clock P. M.

Thursday January 13th 1825.

Special Meeting.

Present The Mayor Aldermen Baxter Dorr Fallerson and Eddy.

Application of Cunelius Coolidge, & others proprietors of the lands betwen Liberty square & Milk Street, was made in relation to certain improvements. Thereupon Coolidge Liberty square Milk Street

Resolved That this board consent so far as the City may be interested that the said proprietors may straiten the alley running from

14. Liberty square to Milk street, and wide over the same at both ends of the height of the first story and of the depth of stores; provided they widen the same agreeably to a plan drawn by S. P. Fuller, December 6th 1824. and widen Kilby street one foot eight inches on Milk street and widen Battery March street to forty two feet six inches as far as the said proprietors own, in conformity to the lines drawn on said plan. The whole free of any cost and to the City— They said proprietors forever keeping said passage way paved and clear to the satisfaction of the board of Aldermen.

Shepherd The committee to whom was referred the application of James Shepherd to have his rent reduced, reported, that said Shepherd be permitted to use the land in front of Engine house No 10. in the same manner as heretofore used by him, he paying to the City the sum of eighteen dollars per annum, and to deliver the same up, whenever the Mayor & Aldermen shall demand it; said Shepherd to pay the rent quarterly to the auditor of accounts.
Caleb Eddy, per order. Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'Clock, P.M.

Monday January 17th 1825.
Met according to adjournment.
Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dow, Patterson and Eddy.

Returns of the board of accounts, con- 15.
cerning the state of the County Gaol and the Gaol and
House of Correction.— Read and committed to House of
Aldermen Child Patterson and Eddy to consid Correction
er and report.

Copy of proceedings of a general meeting Alteration
of the Citizens at Faneuil Hall on the twelfth of the Charter
instant, at which meeting it was voted, that increas of
the Mayor and Aldermen be authorized and Aldermen
requested to call ward meetings of the Citizens
as soon as conveniently can be done, to vote by
ballot on the following question viz! Shall the
City Council apply to the Legislature for such
an alteration in the City Charter, that the
Board of Aldermen shall consist of twelve mem
bers, one of whom shall be chosen in each of the
wards.— Also the remonstrance of Israel Thorn Thorndike
dike, William Prescott, and others, against calling
such meetings in wards as being unconstitutional.

Read and committed to the Mayor, aldermen
Dorr and Eddy with such as the Common Coun
cil may join, to consider and report.— Sent
down for concurrence.— Came up concurred and
the Common Council joined on it, viz! the
President, Messrs Savage, Prouty, Curtis, Stod
dingham, Haddens Page, and Gray.

Petition of Benjamin French and others French
praying that they may be permitted to occupy the Faneuil
several stores occupied by them, until the new buildings
Stores on the north side of the new market
house shall be finished.— Read and committed
to the Committee on the subject of the extension of
Faneuil Hall Market to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred

16. Petition of Charles G. Loring praying that
Loring a certain Mortgage made by John Hancock of
certain lands formerly part of Beacon Hill
should be assigned to him upon payment of the
amount of the principal and interest due.
Read and referred to the Mayor, with authority to make the assignment if the Petitioner has the right to pay the same.—

By laws of Boston The Committee on the subject of the revision of the By-laws of the late town of Boston and the ordinances of the City of Boston, Reported, That the By-laws of the late town of Boston are in many respects inapplicable to the present state of the city, and great difficulty has been experienced by the Courts in carrying the same into effect. Your Committee also find that the organization of the City has made necessary so many modifications of the laws, that they deem it expedient for the City that some one or more persons learned in the law and practically acquainted with the general state of the criminal law as applicable to the Commonwealth at large and to this City in particular, should be employed to make a digest of all the by-laws of the late town of Boston, the ordinances of the City and of the laws of the Commonwealth so far as they particularly relate either to the town or City, and submit to the City Council such modifications of each, in due legal form, as he or they may deem expedient for their acceptance or rejection.

And they recommend that a Committee

be appointed with authority to select such person 17.
or persons and to cause such digest to be prepar
ed and laid before the City Council as soon
as from the nature of the subject matter shall
be deemed practicable.— All which is respect
fully submitted by order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read and accepted & referr
ed to the same Committee to carry said report
into effect.— Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Ordered, that the subject matter of David Hinckley
Hinckley and Luther Ellis' for a claim for dam- Ellis
ages for land taken to widen and extend Ha Som
street be submitted to referees and that the same
be referred to the Mayor to cause the agreement
of the parties to be executed..

A Letter was received and read from Evarts
Jeremiah Evarts Esquire resigning the office of
Overseer of the Poor for ward No 6. and referred
to Alderman Odiorne.

A Letter was received and read from Rich
Benjamin Rich Esquire resigning the office of
Director of the House of Industry..

Ordered, that notice be given to Messrs Causeway &
Sullivan and Rust the owners of buildings on Charlestown
the new streets lately laid out called Causeway Streets.
and Charlestown streets, that they will be re
quired to vacate their said buildings on or
before the first day of April next and that
they be requested to remove their said buildings
by that time.

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday January 20th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Child, Dorr, Patterson and Eddy.

County land near Court House

The Committee appointed to consider and report whether any, and if any what use shall be made of the land and buildings north of the county Court house, reported that from the attention they have been able to give this subject, they are unanimously of opinion that it will be for the interest of the City to make sale of all the said land and the buildings thereon standing laying northwardly of the lane of thirty one feet wide leading to the stone Court House, with the exception only of a passage way from Court street to connect with the aforesaid lane of thirty one feet wide now in use.— and your committee recommend that a joint committee be appointed with full powers to sell the same in such manner as it may seem to them will best subserve the interest of the City.— All which is respectfully submitted. Joseph H. Dorr, per order.

Read & accepted & thereupon Ordered, that the same be committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Dorr and Eddy, with such as the Common Council may joint, to carry the same into effect, upon condition that the sale and the terms thereof be submitted to the ultimate decision of the City Council. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

and the Common Council joined on its part 19.
Messrs Curtis, Goddard, Coolidge, Frothingham
and Tombs.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 Clock P. M.

Monday January 24th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Dow, Patterson and Eddy. —

Petition of Uriah Goodwin to purchase a lot of land owned by the City adjoining Thacher street — Read and committed to Aldermen Eddy and Patterson, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report. — Sent down for concurrence — Came up concurred and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Fitch, Edward Page and Reed. — Goodwin Thacher Street

Petition of George B. Osban, to be relieved from taxes assessed upon him — Read and committed to Alderman Eddy with such as the Common Council may join to consider & report — Sent down for concurrence — Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Shaw, Upham & Ballard. Osborn Taxes

The Committee of both branches of the City Council, charged with the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, reported, that they have received the communication marked (A.) from the Proprietors of the several lots of land sold by the City on North Market Street, complaining that the recent widening of South Faneuil Hall Market

20. Faneuil Hall Market

Market street is a material and injurious change of the plan exhibited, at the time, of the sale of the lots, of which they were the purchasers and intimating that the widening of South Market street from sixty five to one hundred and two feet is contrary to the implied good faith of the city government, and praying either that this street should be again reduced to its original width, or that by removing the Market house so as that its centre should coincide with the center of Faneuil Hall, both North and South Market street should be brought to nearly an equality in point of width.

As suggestions of this kind, are, in their nature very important, both to the character of the government and to the interest of the city, your Committee have deemed it their duty not to permit them to be made without a distinct and public examination.— Inasmuch also, as they are apprized that various new projects have been agitated among the citizens relative to the size and location of the Market house, they have deemed it their duty to avail themselves of this opportunity, to lay before the City Council their views of the interests of the city in these respects, to the end that if they are approved they may be sanctioned, and if they are disapproved they may receive the benefit of the superior wisdom of the City Council.—

Before however, examining the several "new projects" above alluded to, it seems proper

to consider the nature of the faith pledged 21.
to the purchasers of the lots on North Market Faneuil Hall
street, and which they suggest will be violat Market
ed by the contemplated widening of South
Market Street.—

. At the sale two plans were exhibited.
1. A plan of the 80 lots and of North
market street.—
2. A general plan of the land owned by the
City, included within the general improve
ments then contemplated.— The conditions of
sale had reference exclusively to the former.
Those conditions consisted virtually, of two par
ticulars, and of two particulars only, so far
as respects laying out of the lands.—
1st That North market Street should be Sixty
six feet wide. 2d That its whole southern
boundary should be a market house.

These two particulars fulfilled, the faith
of the city is preserved, so far as it respects
the laying out of the land.—

The other plan more general, in its nature
was exhibited to show what the City, accord
ing to the land it then possessed, could do,
and what it intended to do.— But no pledge
was given upon that subject.— Indeed from the
nature of the case none could be, and none
was ever intended or intimated.—

The argument of these Proprietors, if
it have any colour or ground in nature is this
"A general plan of a street, called South Market
Street was exhibited at the sale, which Street
was marked upon the plan to be the width

of Sixty five feet... Now although nothing was
Faneuil Hall Market said, or intimated upon the subject, yet the
mere exhibition of the plan under such circum-
stances, gives, forever, the width of that street.
It amounts to a pledge that this street shall
be forever sixty five feet wide, neither more or
less"... Now your Committee submit it with
great confidence, both to the City Council &
their fellow citizens, that no such consequence,
and that no such pledge resulted from the
exhibition of this general plan at the sale.
It was a fair and honest exhibition of
the intentions of the city government at the
time... In the nature of things such exhi
bition could include no prospective pledge.
The right to improve the condition of the
city, and enlarge the conveniences of the citi
zens is inherent in the city government, ac-
cording to its continually changing means and
opportunities... These purchasers, like all others,
are subject to the exercise of that right.
But granting the full extent of pledge
resulting from that exhibition, it certainly
could be no more than this, that there should
be a street at least sixty five feet wide, on
the southern boundary of which there should
be a block of stores; which pledge, by the plan
proposed, is completely fulfilled. Thereby South
Market Street is sixty five feet and more.
Now was it ever before heard that faith
to those who bound on one street was viola-
ted by widening an adjoining street?
In reply to this, however, your Committee

understand it is said, without doors, that although not a direct it is a virtual violation of that virtual pledge, which resulted from the exhibition of the above mentioned genera plan at the sale, because certain consequential injuries will result to these proprietors from the proposed widening of South Market Street.

These consequential injuries are 1st. The comparative enhancement of the value of the store lots on South Market Street, with respect to those of these Proprietors on North Market Street.— 2d. The greater accommodation thus given to country teams and wagons in South Market Street, whereby the influx of passengers and business will be diminished in North Market Street....

On neither of these grounds can your committee possibly admit there is any just reason of complaint or colour of claim upon the City.

As to the comparative enhancement of value to the Southern block, it is certainly the right and duty of the city by every measure in its power, to produce that effect.— The making, by any measure, the south block better can be no ground of complaint, unless thereby, the North block is actually made worse. Now the only way, in which this is pretended to be the case is that specified in the second reason stated above; that by the accommodation thus given, the influx of passengers and business will be diminished in North Market Street.— Now this reason, if it be true at all is true for too much. For it is just as valid

24. against widening the street at the south of
Amend Plate the South block of buildings, or of widening or
Market. altering the commodiousness of the space included between the lane leading to Green's wharf and Hale street, or widening Ann street, or any street about the present market; all of which were laid down upon a true scale on the plan exhibited at the sale as well as south market street.— And if this street on that account cannot now be widened, neither can any of those streets be widened, without a violation of faith.. And consequently, all the streets lanes and spaces, in that whole vicinity included in that plan, are forever hereafter to remain in their present inconvenient width and relations, for the purpose of compressing the greatest possible current of business through South market street.—

A proposition which need only to be stated to be, at once, disclaimed as too extravagant for consideration.—

Your Committee have been thus full in the Examination of this claim, because it had reference to the faith of the city, which those who administer its concerns should never permit, in any instance to be questioned, without the fullest and most satisfactory investigation.

Whatever attention therefore, your Committee have thought it proper to give to the other suggestions of those proprietors, in their memorial subjoined, they were unanimously of opinion that on the ground of violation of faith they had no colour or pretence for consid-

Faneuil Hall Market.

ration.— In relation to those "projects, which your Committee understand have been of late agitated abroad, relative to the size & location of the new market House," one of which is stated to be the object of the memorial of the "Proprietors of the North block, they are as far as your Committee are informed of four kinds.

1. Some are of opinion, that the Market House ought to be widened at once, thirty feet more, so as to be in its whole length, co extensive in width with Faneuil Hall.

2. Some are of opinion that both walls should be taken up at once and the building erected with its center coinciding with the center of Faneuil Hall, and that its present width should be augmented ten feet, thus making it through its whole extent sixty, instead of, as at present, Fifty feet wide.

3. Some are of opinion, that both walls should be taken up and the building placed with its center, coinciding with the center of Faneuil Hall, and that the plan adopted should in every other respect be pursued without any alteration.— This is probably the real object of the petition of the Proprietors of the North Block of stores, as in this case they offer "to contribute to the expense should the city government think they ought to do so."

4.— Some are of opinion that the present plan is the best, both as it respects size and

26. location, and that no alteration should be
Fanouil Hall permitted; as according to their views no other
Market plan will so perfectly effect present convenience, and leave equal space for future times to consult their own accommodation according to the resulting and contingent exigencies of the population of the City.

Each of these projects has been under the consideration of your Committee and they deem it their duty very shortly to present the arguments urged in favour of each and their own views and grounds of decision in relation to them.

1st The arguments in favor of widening the market House to eighty feet wide are—1st That it can never be done at so little expense as now.. 2d That it will enable the city to put to rent above fifteen thousand more feet of market house and thereby greatly augment the incomes of the city.. 3d That as this extent of market house will, it is acknowledged by its advocates greatly exceed the present wants of the city, they propose that the lower part should be turned into stores, thereby also, increasing its revenues.—4th By diminishing south market street the Proprietors of the North Block will have their current of business restored, according to their preexisting anticipations and be better satisfied.

After canvassing this proposition with all the respect due to those, who suggested

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il, your Committee came to a decided and unanimous opinion that such widening was not expedient and ought not to be adopted.

Their great and general reason for which opinion was that this project has its foundation on a total change of the objects for which this improvement was first projected and has thus far progressed; inasmuch as it has chief, if not exclusive reference to the increase of the revenues and incomes of the city; whereas the great primary object was the increase exclusively of the market accommodation.... To build a great House Eighty by Five hundred and twenty five feet long for the express purpose of turning it partly into stores, to be estimated by their rents, seemed to your Committee such a variance from their original design as could not be justified, and by deviating from that simplicity of purpose and singleness of object, which have hitherto characterised the plans, in this respect, of the City government, would probably lead to confusion in details, which would be injurious to the effect of the whole plan.

They were also decidedly of opinion that this width, which was necessary for stores would render it less commodious and more exceptionable considered as market accommodation.... Besides they apprehend that the Proprietors of the Faith Block would have a much more serious ground of complaint if

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the should find that space which had been specified on the plan of the sale as a market house should, without any necessity and merely on the ground of profit be turned into stores.

There were other objections of a minuter and more particular character, which your Committee do not deem it necessary to recapitulate, as they will be gathered from other parts of this report.

2d With respect to that part of second project above specified, which proposes, in case the walls of the market house should be removed so that its center should be made to coincide with the center of Faneuil Hall, that it should be widened to sixty feet, there were some of your Committee who would prefer that in such case its width should be sixty rather than fifty feet; but after much deliberation it was decided, that there was no alteration of the market house to which this Committee could according to its sense of duty to the public, possibly accede, except that contained in the third project above specified, and which consists in a simple removal of the whole building so as that its center should coincide with the center of Faneuil Hall; every thing else to proceed according to the present plan and dimensions.

The principal reason for which removal is stated to be symmetry, or in other words coincidence of center with the center of Faneuil Hall, and thereby producing an almost perfect

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equality of street on the north and south side of the Market house.— Those however, who favored this plan did it, upon the express condition that the Proprietors of the North block of stores should pay the whole expense consequent on such removal.— The adding to the street in the front of their block a space of fifteen feet, thereby making North Market street eighty instead of sixty five feet, being so unquestionable an advantage to those Proprietors, that nothing short of such a contribution should be received by the City.— In addition to which the loss of power to occupy south Market street as it pleased, which would be the result of thus dividing the space recently acquired, between the South and North Market street, would be such a loss to the city, that your committee are unanimously of opinion that the City should consent to the removal here suggested only on the condition of those proprietors paying the whole consequent expense.

Your Committee, however, are bound to state that a considerable and respectable portion of your Committee are of opinion that the present plan is best, both as it respects dimensions and location, being opposed to any alteration of either, as contrary to the true, present and hermanent, interests of the City.

Concerning which they observe, that the present plan and dimensions of the

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market house were adopted after long consideration, and that in both respects it was satisfactory, as well to the committee as to the City Council... Its dimensions were always considered sufficiently large for the present wants of the City; and that they are not so now, is not supported by any sufficient evidence or reasoning... So also with respect to the objection to the present location on account of symmetry, the plan was adopted, and the walls were in the process of laying nearly for several months without any objections... In both respects the building was progressing to universal satisfaction, as far as was known.— The extension of the plan and improvements proposed, for other purposes, have introduced plans of profit and those above alluded to, in the stead of the plan, on which the former and recent purchases were alone predicated as above stated;— that is on the best present and future interests of the City, on a joint consideration of market space and market accommodation..

None of these plans, in the minds of these members of this Committee have sufficient weight to remove their objections to them.— They maintain that the building is located where it ought to be for the true interest of the city, and ought not to be removed;— that the space newly acquired

by the City was expressly for the future accommodation of the City and not for present use any farther than an open Market convenience that, with this view, it was recommended by the Mayor in his message, and on this ground it was expressly acceded to by the committee of the Common Council, to whom that message was referred.— The space of an one hundred and two feet street and the facilities which that space, lying in one square, would afford to the exigencies of the city authorities in time to come was specifically declared by the Chairman of that committee to be the main inducement to accede to the new purchases.— The covering fifteen thousand feet of that space with the Market House, or the subdividing the space, so acquired into two eighty feet streets by a change in the position or dimensions of the Market House was never once stated or considered..

In their apprehension the keeping that wide space open and unincumbered with buildings at least until the wants of the City should compel another use is both in conformity to the original design of the City Council and to the best interests of the City..

In respect to any change in the dimensions of the house they state that its materials are all under contract; its timber now in a course of preparation, both to be delivered early in April.— That a change in dimensions

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would not only lead to delays and loss in the materials actually contracted for, but also give claims for damages to the contractors, which in the case of city contracts are always extravagant and always incalculable.. The same they absent concerning the expense of moving the walls so as to make the center of the market house coincide with the center of Faneuil Hall. This is estimated at Ten thousand dollars. They apprehend that fifteen thousand would not cover all the incidents of that contingency.. Besides here also will occur damages to contractors the city being now under contract to have the walls ready for the masons by the first of April.. The uncertain amount of their claims must be added to the other estimates.. These, however are small considerations in comparison with the loss of that noble square one hundred & two feet wide, by five hundred & twenty five feet long, which the present plan secures permanently to the city..

Your Committee, therefore, having thus ascertained the points of agreement and of difference among the members of the Committee came to the determination of laying the actual state of their opinion before the City Council, with the determination also of proceeding with the market house according to present location and dimensions, unless the City Council should expressly direct otherwise; declaring

it also as their deliberate judgment that no other change should be permitted except that of removing the building and erecting it of its present dimensions with the center coinciding with the center of Faneuil Hall, and that only on the condition that the Proprietors of the North block should consent to pay all expenses incident on such removal.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted & thereupon Ordered, That the Committee charged with the extension of Faneuil Hall market, be & they are hereby authorized to lay out and make sale of the Southern Block of stone lots, bounding on South Market street, in general conformity to the plan laid before the City Council on the 29th of December last.

Sent down for concurrence,

Came up concurred.

Order of the common council committing the petition of Caleb Pratt, and others, to have that part of Sea street accepted which lies southward from Wheeler's point, to Messrs E. Williams, Willis and Otis with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider and report.— Came up for concurrence.— Read and concurred, and Aldermen Dow and Patterson are joined. Pratt Sea street

Petition of John D. Dyer, & others, Dyer

34. praying that a general meeting of the Citizens may be called at Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of considering the expediency of petitioning the Legislature to alter the City Charter so that instead of eight Aldermen chosen at large as now established, that there be twelve Aldermen, one to be chosen in each ward.— Read and thereupon Ordered, that the City Clerk issue a warrant for such meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the first day of February next, at 10 o'Clock A. M.—

Glover — Application of Mr Glover to exhibit feats of ballancing at the Market Hotel. granted, he paying two dollars per night.

Mary Clough — Upon the requisition of the Judge of Probate of the County of Suffolk, upon the request of Ebenezer Clough, a relative of Mary Clough, of Boston, widow, that inquisition be had upon said Mary, she being represented as a person non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of herself.—— Thereupon Ordered, that the said Mary be notified to appear before this board on Thursday next, at seven o'clock P. M. then and there to shew cause, if any she have, why she should not be declared non compos mentis, as aforesaid; and that fact be certified to the Judge of Probate, in order that a guardian be appointed according to law.

House of Industry — Memorial of the Directors of the

House of Industry, praying for a further appropriation to enable them to complete the new building to be appropriated for the House of Correction.— Read and committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter and Eddy, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report.— Sent down for concurrence.— Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Fitch, Edward Page and Reed.—

The Committee of both branches of the City Council appointed on the subject of the Flats at the bottom of the Flats at the bottom of the Common and the Common rights of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation. Reported, That having attended to that subject they find that the above mentioned Corporation have appointed a Committee with full powers to meet a Committee of the City Council, having like powers to settle the limits of the basin formed by the said mill dam, and the respective rights of the said Corporation and the City to the said Flats and water rights.— And your Committee recommend that a similar Committee be appointed with like full powers on part of the City.— All which is respectfully submitted.— By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, chairman.

Read and accepted & thereupon

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee who made said report, with full

31. powers as mentioned in said report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next seven Clock PM.

Thursday January 27th 1823.

met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Baxter, Edwards Dow, Patterson and Eddy.

General Lafayette

Order of the Common Council, appointing Messrs Russell, Curtis and Lodge with such as the board of Aldermen might joine, a committee to repoit what measures may be necessary to adopt by the City Council in consequence of information received that General Lafayette will revisit this City in June next, and that he contemplates to unite with his friends of this City in the celebration of the next anniversary of American Independence.— Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor and Alderman Eddy are joined.—

Clough

Pursuant to a warrant from the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, directing this board to make inquisition as to the State of mind of Mary Clough; notice having been given to said Mary to appear at this time, and she not appearing, and evidence having

been examined as to her state of mind, it is adjudged that the said Mary is non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of herself, and the same was certified to the Judge of Probate accordingly.—

Resolve of the Common Council declaring that it is inexpedient to make any alteration in the dimensions or location of the new market house, and that the Faneuil Hall market Committee proceed to complete the same in the manner heretofore ordered and directed.— came up for concurrence. Faneuil Hall market

Read and concurred.

Petition of William H. Clapp, and others, proprietors of Washington Garden Theatre, praying that said Theatre may be licensed for three months.— Read and committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter and Odiorne, to consider & report.. Clapp Washington Garden Theatre

Ordered, that the Mayor and Alderman Baxter with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to ascertain the rights of the City to a watch house in Washington street, connected with an estate belonging to Josiah Knapp, Esquire, with full power to settle with said Knapp, upon the City surrendering their right in and to the same. Sent down for concurrence.. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs E. Williams, Savage and Jackson, and proposed an amendment.. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. Watch house Washington St.

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Swalser Temple & Derne Streets

Petition of Henry Swalser, ya pray for a slip of land at the corner of Temple and Derne Streets. Read and committed to alderman Odiorne, to consider and report.

Ordered, that the City Clerk make

Peirce South street

out a lease to be executed by the City and John Peirce, for a part of the dock at the bottom of South street, occupied by him, & that said Peirce be notified to complete the same in fifteen days, and in default thereof that this board will take such measures to dispossess him as the interest of the City requires.

Webster Georges Island

Letter from the Hon. Daniel Webster, member of Congress, giving an account of the appropriation made by Congress for the protection of Boston Harbour, by securing Georges Island &c against the ravages of the sea.

Read and sent down.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 Clock P. M.

Monday January 31st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The Mayor. Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Thorn, Patterson and Eddy.

Lafayette

The Committee who were directed to consider and report what measures it may be necessary to adopt in consequence of the information that General Lafayette will

revisil this City in June next and that he contemplates to unite with his friends of this City in the celebration of the anniversary of Independence... Reported, That they have received satisfactory information that it is the intention of General Lafayette to be present at the proposed celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker's Hill in June next, and to be in this City on the ensuing 4th of July, and that it will be suitable and proper for the City Council to request the Mayor of the City to address a letter to General Lafayette, expressing the gratification of the City Council at receiving this information and their assurance of the universal satisfaction it will afford the Citizens of Boston to have the honor of his presence on that interesting occasion.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee,

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted... Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Petition of Elisha Hunt, and others, Hunt praying to purchase a lot of land belonging to the City near the Gun House on the northeasterly side of Fort Hill between the Mall and the new brick houses recently erected by Mr Hayward, whereon to erect the "Mariner's Church"... Read and committed to Aldermen Parker and Patterson with such as the Common

Council may join, to consider and report.— Sent down for concurrence.— Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Willis, Lincoln & Bradlee.

City Officers

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen Odiorne and Eddy with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to consider and report, if the duties of any of the Officers elected by the City Council, have ben diminished by the appointment of an Auditor of accounts; if the duties required of such officer have ben and are performed pursuant to the City Charter, and what measures it may be expedient to adopt on the subject.— Sent down for concurrence.— Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs Adam, Charles Sprague, Washburn, Hastings and Parker.

Meetings in Wards

The Committee of the City Council to whom was referred the "request" made by a general meeting of the citizens to the Mayor and Aldermen to call ward meetings of the citizens to vote by ballot on the following question— "Shall the City Council apply to the Legislature for such an alteration in the City Charter that the board of Aldermen shall consist of twelve members, one of whom shall be chosen in each of the wards;" and to whom also was referred the remonstrance of sundry other citizens of Boston denying the authority of the Mayor & Aldermen

to call ward meetings for the purposes in the said "request" expressed.— Repealed, That they have considered the tenor of the said request and remonstrance, with all the respect and attention due to the opinions of their fellow citizens, respectively, therein expressed, and the importance of the subject matter; & while, on the one hand they are desirous, in conformity with what they apprehend to be the prevailing wish of the City Council, to give to the Charter of the City all the efficient and practical operation, which the nature of its provisions authorizes; so on the other, they are equally anxious, in conformity also to the wishes of the City Council, that those provisions should not be extended to embrace cases, to which the terms of that instrument are inapplicable; and particularly those, for which the constitution of the State has made other provisions, on the inviolability of which the equality of the rights and liberties of all the citizens of the Commonwealth materially depend. 11. Meetings in Wards

The question arising under this "request" and remonstrance, is of this nature. It relates to the calling of "public meetings of the Inhabitants of the City in wards"; the extent of the power of the Mayor and Aldermen, in this respect.

This question your committee believe will receive great light, if not final decis

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ion from a consideration of the power to call public meetings of inhabitants in wards, under the constitution of this Commonwealth.

Antecedent to the amendments of this constitution in 1820, your Committee apprehend that no power was ever exercised within this Commonwealth to call the inhabitants of any Town into wards for any purpose whatsoever, other than the choice of officers, and that the power of constituting a City, and organizing its government by ward elections was first obtained under the Second article of the Amendments to the Constitution, and is granted to the legislature of the Commonwealth, in the following terms.

"The General Court shall have full power and authority, to erect and constitute municipal, or City, governments in any corporate towns, or towns, in this Commonwealth, and to grant to the inhabitants thereof such powers, privileges and immunities, not repugnant to the constitution, as the General Court shall deem necessary, or expedient, for the regulation and government thereof, and to prescribe the manner, of calling and holding public meetings of the inhabitants, in wards, or otherwise, for the election of officers, under the Constitution, and the manner of returning the votes given at such meetings."

From this amendment to the constitution your Committee are of opinion that it

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follows necessarily that the City powers, privileges and immunities, which any inhabitants may possess, depend solely on the grant of the Legislature; that the sole power "to prescribe the manner of calling and holding public meetings of the inhabitants, in wards", is vested in the Legislature; and that this power is apparently limited even as it respects the Legislature itself to the election of officers under the Constitution.

Whether these views of your Committee are in every particular correct is not essential to the present inquiry. For a right and satisfactory decision of the question now before the City Council, it is sufficient that the following position be true viz! That the powers of the City Authorities to call meetings of the inhabitants in wards depend solely on the grant of the legislature; and of consequence that those powers do not extend beyond the terms of that grant. — Concerning the truth of which position, as your Committee apprehend, there can be no doubt, it follows that the power to call public meetings of the inhabitants, in wards, if it exist any where, must be derived from the grant of the Legislature in the City Charter. — Your Committee have carefully considered that instrument and they can find no clause of the Charter giving any colour to the exercise of a power to call any public meeting of the citizens in wards, except

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in cases specifically provided for and appointed in that instrument and in each case embraced within the above mentioned apparent limitation of the powers of the legislature itself as included in the terms of the second article of the amendments to the constitution above cited.. viz.. "the election of officers under the constitution".

Your Committee therefore are of opinion that no such power has been granted by that instrument to the Mayor and Aldermen and that if, at any time, it has heretofore been exercised, it has been done without sufficient consideration, and ought not to be deemed a precedent...

Your Committee, therefore, unanimously recommend the subjoined resolution for the adoption of the City Council.... All which is submitted by order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted & thereupon

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the Mayor and Aldermen are not authorized by the City Charter to call meetings of the citizens in wards, on the application of any meeting of citizens, whatsoever, for any purposes, except those expressly provided for in the said Charter:— Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 Clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Mr. Tallman and Eddy.

Order of the Common Council directing that the sum of four thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for paving and repairs of streets, and that the same sum be withdrawn from the appropriation for the purchase of land and erection of a new School House in lieu of the Franklin School House.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Order of the Common Council committing the Petition of Prince Hawes and others, praying liberty to erect tombs under the Evangelical and Congregational Church in South Boston to Messrs Winslow Wright, S. K. Williams and Thom, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider and report. — Came up for concurrence. — Read and concurred, & Aldermen Odiorne and Dorr are joined.

South Boston

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William W. Clapp, and others, Proprietors of the Washington Garden Theatre, made the following report Viz.t

Clapp

Washington Garden Theatre

Ordered, That on the payment of seven hundred dollars, the Proprietors of the Washington Garden Theatre, shall have a license for their Theatre, for one year commencing the first of

46. January last, and ending the thirty first day of December next..,

Health Commissioner

Communication was received from Thos Jackson, Esquire. Health Commissioner relative to five small drawings presented to the Old Board of Health.. Read and thereupon Ordered, that Dr Henry Williams who presented the same have liberty to place the pictures in his room, to be returned to the City, when required..

Committee on duties of City Officers instructed

Ordered, that the joint Committee appointed to consider and report, if the duties of the officers and of the officers elected by the City Council have been diminished by the appointment of an auditor of accounts &c. be also instructed to inquire and report if the duties of said Officers or any of them have been augmented in consequence of the transfer to the City Council of the powers and duties of the Board of Health, or by any other regulations made by order of said Council.... Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next half past six o'clock P. M.

Monday February 7th 1825.

Met according to adjournment..

Present. The Mayor.. Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Dow, Patterson and Eddy..

Gay & Teazie, Salem street

Petition of Ebenezer T. Gay & Eli Teazie

to open a drain in Salem street.— Read and 47.
committed to Aldermen Eddy and Patterson,
to consider and repeal.

Alderman Eddy was appointed on Faneuil
the Committee for the extension of Faneuil Hall
Hall market instead of Alderman Benjamin Market
removed.

Communication from Jonathan Carleton Carleton
stating that he is about to build upon his Pemberton's
lot of land adjoining Pemberton's hill, and Hill
requesting to know how much the City authorities
ities contemplate to take from the same— as also
the intended level to which they propose to
reduce the said street as he wishes in every
respect to conform to their views— Read and
committed to the Mayor with instructions
to conform to the graduation and elevation
of S. P. Fuller's plan, and that the petitioner
be directed to lay the stones of his Cellar
conformably to the same.

Communication from the Health Com Health
missioner stating that a seaman on board a Commissioner
vessel called the General Brown just arrived Small pox
from New York was sick with the small pox
and that he had ordered the vessel and
crew to Rainsford Island to perform quarantine.
Read and committed to the Mayor with
instructions that notice be given to Dr Welsh,
the resident Physician to proceed to the
Island and remain there during the sickness
of any of the crew on board.

48.

Mayor's Message on death of Gov^r Eustis

The Mayor communicated the following message viz^t

Gentlemen of the City Council.

By the death of His Excellency William Eustis, not only the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has lost an honored Chief Magistrate, but the City has also been deprived of an individual, who, for many years was one of its most distinguished citizens; & who at all times, shared largely in its confidence and took a deep interest in its welfare.

Under these circumstances, I have thought that it would be the wish of the City Council to unite, in paying the last tribute to his memory, and to this end, I have deemed it my duty, to call this special meeting, to enable you to take such measures, on the occasion, as to your wisdom shall seem expedient.

Josiah Quincy.

Read and committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter and Dow with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report forthwith. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Russell, Frothingham Coolidge and Hastings.

Repat of Com. on Mayor's Message announcing Gov^r Eustis' death

The Committee to whom was referred the message of the Mayor, communicating information of the death of His Excellency Wm Eustis late Governor and Commander in Chief

of this Commonwealth, and who were directed to consider what measures it will be suitable to take on this occasion.— Reported the following resolves for the consideration, and adoption of the City Council.— Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Aug. Gov. Eustis Death.

Read & accepted & thereupon

Resolved unanimously, that the City Council of Boston, being deeply sensible of the loss sustained by this Commonwealth, in the death of His late Excellency William Eustis and by this City, in that of an individual for many years one of its most distinguished Citizens, will attend, in a body, the Funeral of His late Excellency, at such time and place, as the Legislature of the Commonwealth may appoint.

Resolved, that the Mayor be requested to cause such bells as in his discretion he may direct to be tolled, during the continuance of the funeral procession.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to make all arrangements which, after consultation with the Committee of the Legislature, appointed on that subject may be found necessary, and to require the aid of the City Marshal on the occasion.

Ordered, that the Committee who made the foregoing report be the Committee to carry the same into effect.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Osborn Taxes

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George B. Osborn, relative to an abatement of Taxes assessed on his property.

Reported, that upon full examination of the subject they find the whole power of making abatements upon real and personal estates has been delegated by the city government to the permanant and assistant assessors by an ordinance passed June 18th 1823. in which it is expressly provided that "no abatement shall be made of any Tax, where the same exceeds the sum of sixteen dollars, except by the assent of a majority of the permanent assessors and assistant assessors from the several wards in convention; and every applicant for abatement, shall make his claim in writing and subscribe the same with his name, and address the same to the permanant assessors."—

Your Committee therefore are of opinion that it is inexpedient for the City Council to take any further order on said petition, as it would open a door for many applications and extremely embarrass the assessors in performing their duties proscribed by the laws of the state and the city ordinances.— Your committee are of opinion that the said Geo. B. Osborn, should have leave to withdraw his petition.— All which is submitted.

Caleb Eddy, per order.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

came up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 Clock, P. M.

Thursday February 10th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Baxter, Patterson and Eddy.

There not being a sufficient number to form a quorum present, the board was adjourned to meet on Monday next half past 6 Clock P. M. — no quorum

Monday February 14th 1825.

met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Baxter Odiorne Dow and Eddy.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Morse, Washburn and Little with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to inquire if any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the better regulating the measuring of Wood & Bark brought for sale from the Country" with leave to report by ordinance, or otherwise— Came up for concurrence— Read and concurred, and Aldermen Patterson and Eddy are joined. — Wood & Bark

Application of Mr Papanti to be licensed to give a Concert at Concert Hall on Tuesday evening next— Granted upon paying therefor two dollars. — Papanti

52.

Clap Salem Street

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Clap, and others, for liberty to open Salem street, for the purpose of laying a drain to be connected with the drain leading from the estate of the late John Hoffman Reported, that it is not for the interest of the City to have the said street broken up at this season of the year; but that the petitioners have leave to lay their drain on or before the first day of April next, they first obtaining leave of the proprietors of the drain leading to north Margin street, and cause the street to be repaired to the satisfaction of the Committee of the district.

Read and accepted.

Flanagan Merrimac and Gouch streets

The Committee to whom the petition of John Flanagan, and others was referred. Reported, that a list pool be erected at the junction of Merrimac & Gouch streets, as soon as the frost shall be out of the ground; provided the abutters on both sides of Gouch street, shall before that time have filled up their sidewalks with earth or gravel so as to make a gradual descent from the high part of Gouch street to Merrimac street, as shall be directed by the surveyors of highways. Read & accepted.

Dr Welsh

The Mayor reported that he had written to Dr Welsh, to repair to Hospital Island and that he had gone down, agreeable to the wishes of the board.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs E. Williams, Gray and Otis with such City Charter
as the board of Aldermen might join, a Com- § 26.
mittee with instructions to inquire into the ex-
pediency of exercising the authority contained
in the twenty sixth section of the City Charter,
with liberty to report by ordinance or otherwise.
Came up for concurrence.— Read & concurred,
and the Mayor and Alderman Odiorne are
joined.—

Adjourned to Monday next half past
6 Clock P. M.

Monday February 21st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor. Aldermen Parker Odiorne,
Child, Dow, Patterson & Eddy.

Petition of John F. Barber, to have his Barber
tax remitted.— Read and thereupon resolved
that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of
said petition, this board not having the pow-
er so to do.

Upon the requisition of the Judge of Knox
Probate of the County of Suffolk, upon the re-
quest of Thomas Knox, son of Mary Knox, wi-
ow, that inquisition be had upon said Mary
she being represented as non compos mentis &
incapable of taking care of herself— Thereupon
Ordered, that the said Mary be notified to
appear before this board on Monday the 28th

31. day of February instant at 7 o'clock P. M. then and there to shew cause, if any she have, why she should not be declared non compos mentis, as aforesaid, and that Fact certified to said Judge of Probate, in order that a Guardian may be appointed for said Mary according to Law.

Whitwell Water Street — Communication was received from Whitwell, Bond & Co. stating that they are about building four stores on Water Street, and requesting to know if any alteration is intended in the elevation of said Street.— Read and committed to Aldermen Child and Dow, to consider and report.—

Licenses — Ordered, That the Mayor and Alderman Child, be a committee to inquire and report upon the subject of the charges made for taking out licenses of Innholders, Victuallers, Retailers and Confectioners.

Perkins — Petition of Thomas H. Perkins, in behalf of the Directors of the Branch Bank, stating that they are ready to put down the curb stones for the side walks on State Street and Wilson's lane, and praying that the elevation of the same may be determined.— Read & committed to Aldermen Child and Dow, to consider and report.

Smith — Petition of Ebenezer Smith, praying that the lease of two pieces of land made by the City to him in the year 1823. for the term of twenty four years, may be extinguished, and the proposes to purchase the City's right in said pieces of

land situated between Portland street and Merrimac street and that an alteration may be made in said lots by stopping up the street between them, and to take the point of the triangle of one of them into the street.— Read and committed to Aldermen Dow & Patterson with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report.— Sent down for concurrence.— Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Adan, Shaw and Wheeler.

Beach Street drain

The auditor of accounts statement and assessment upon the owners of estates from which entries have been made into the Common sewer in Beach street.— Read and passed, and thereupon ordered, that the same be assessed accordingly.

Thacher

Communication from Judge Thacher relative to the law concerning State paupers confined in the House of Correction.— Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report.

Gibbens

Petition of George M. Gibbens & others, praying that Hawkers and pedlars may be restrained from vending Oranges, Lemons & other fruits and commodities in the streets.— Read & committed to the Mayor and Alderman Baker, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report.— Sent down for concurrence.— Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Hedman, Hartshorn and Elliot.

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Hunt

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elisha Hunt, and others, to purchase a piece of land on Fort hill for the purpose of erecting thereon The Mariner's Church.— Reported, that it is not expedient to sell said piece of land, at this time, for the purpose of building thereon so high a building, which will so effectually shut out the prospect of the harbour, from the circular walk on said hill.— Read & accepted— Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

Leatherbee Sea Street

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James W. Leatherbee, and others, Inhabitants and owners of estates on that part of Sea street, southwardly of Wheeler's point, so called, praying that said street may be accepted, as one of the City streets, and maintained as such, or that a portion of the taxes paid by said abuttors may be set apart and returned to them, for the purpose of repairing said street, reported, that said street was built about eighteen years ago in the form of a dock wharf, of which probably about four feet of the top was solid stone and earth, but owing to the soft nature of the flats on which it rests, and the great use that has been made of that part of said street nearest to Wheeler's point for many years past, your Committee are led to believe that the earth which has from time to time been carted on, now approaches near to the flats below, so that the hollow space cannot be very

considerable under these impressions your Com
mitte recommend. Firstly, that the City should Scathebo
accept said street from Wheeler's point, to a place Sea St.
nearly opposite the counting room of Major Hunts
Hobbs. where the open dock on the West side of
the street comes in immediate contact with it.
but upon the following conditions viz:— That the
abuttors shall in the first place make a formal
surrender to the City of the whole width of said
street, from the buildings on one side, to those
on the other, which is about fifty feet, and as
far in length as the City may see cause to accept
the same, the abuttors shall also set edge stones,
fill up and make their side walks on both sides
of said street, in such manner as the surveyors
of Highways may direct, and shall forever keep
the space under their side walks filled up &
repaired, and of such materials, and width,
even if each side walk shall be fourteen feet
wide, if so directed by the surveyors of highways.
the abuttors shall also between the edge stones
round up the street in form of a turnpike
with a body of gravel, all to be approved by
the surveyors of highways.— And your Committe
recommend secondly, that if the abuttors south-
wardly of the before mentioned point and as
far south as the lamp on or near Mr Caleb
Pratt's house will do every thing herein requir
ed of those nearer Wheeler's point, except for
the present, laying the western side walk with
bricks or stones (until the dock contiguous to

the street is filled up when this easement shall cease) that the City then accept said street to said Lamp on Mr Prall's house. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee.

Joseph H. Dorr.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Baldwin's Neck lands

The Committee of the Neck lands reported that they have received the following Letter from Aaron Baldwin, Viz.t

"Gentlemen. I offer to purchase a lot of Marsh and Flats, two hundred and ten feet square, bounded westerly on a street to be laid out at least fifty feet wide, parallel with the side dam of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation, northerly on land now or late of Ebenezer Francis and others, easterly and southerly on land of the City: with a right of sluice way from said dam across said street, and from said lot (eight feet wide) to low water mark in the empty basin so called, for which I would pay one thousand dollars. Aaron Baldwin."

And the Committee state they have examined the land specified above and find that it is the extreme southwesterly point of land, adjoining the Roxbury line, that one acre which is about the space above petitioned for with the privilege above mentioned is in their opinion worth one thousand dollars if taken upon a square as proposed, of two hundred

and ten feet as it will embrace about one half Marsh and one half flats, they therefore are of opinion that on the payment of the above sum of one thousand dollars he agreeing to clean & maintain a road to it, on northampton street for his own accommodation, without recourse to the City, and under the direction of the surveyors of highways, and that the sluice-way be made and kept in repair at his own expense under the direction and with the approbation of the said surveyors of highways, the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of the above tract of land to Mr Baldwin. All which is respectfully submitted.—

By order of the Committee.
Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted.— Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next half past 6 Clock P.M.

Monday February 28th 1825.
Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr, Patterson and Eddy.

Petition of Jacob Tidd and others, relative to land taken to widen Summer & Sea Summer & streets.— Read & committed to Aldermen Sea streets Baxter and Dorr, to consider and report.—

Tidd

Ordered, that Aldermen Baxter & Dorr, Pleasant street be a committee to take into consideration the widening of

subject of widening Pleasant Street and report thereon.

Lincoln — Petition of Ensign Lincoln, stating that a Baptist meeting house is contemplated to be built on land at the corner of Milk & Federal Street, and requesting notice if the surveyors of highways contemplate taking any of said land to widen said streets.— Read and committed to Aldermen Child and Dow, to consider and report.

Milk & Federal Street

Smith — Communication from Benjamin Smith in behalf of the Proprietors of Green Dragon Hall in Union Street, relative to the sale of that property.— Read and referred to the Mayor to consider and report.

Tappan — Communication of Lewis Tappan, stating that it is in contemplation to take down houses No. 142 Federal Street, all the houses on High Street north west of the Street, and two houses on Summer Street; to sell lots for erecting twenty four new houses of an uniform construction; to set the houses on High Street, ten feet back, having yards in front of the houses.— The above plan does not contemplate widening High Street. If it be in contemplation of the Surveyors of Highways to widen said High Street, that the yards in front can be made less than ten feet.—

Federal Street

Read and committed to Alderman Child and Dow, to consider and report.

Lothrop — Application of Millman Lothrop to have the level of Salem Street ascertained in

Salem Street

front of land upon which he contemplates build 61.
ing.— Read and committed to Aldermen Sou
and Patterson; to consider and report.

It appearing that notice to George Codman
Codman to appear before this board and shew
cause if any he had, why he should not be
declared non compos mentis, and a Guardian
appointed according to law, had not been giv
en.— It is thereupon Ordered, that the said
George be summoned to appear before this boar
on Monday next, at 7 o'Clock, P.M. and shew
cause as aforesaid.—

Petition of John H. Parker for liberty Parker
to establish Telegraphic Signals upon Hospital
Island, whereby the Merchants interested in
Shipping may obtain the earliest information
of their arrival.— Read and committed to
the Mayor to consider and report.

Petition of William Foster, Charles L. Foster
Foster and Leonard Foster, praying that the
City authorities would consent to have a plan
taken of the Spear estate in which they are
interested, before the demolition of the visible
monuments, to be referred to, and used here
after as occasion may require.— Read and com-
mitted to the Mayor and that part of the
Faneuil Hall Market committee, which com
pose the board of Aldermen.

The Committee to whom was referred Gov. Eustis'
the subject of attending the funeral of Hulbt funeral
Excellency Governor Eustis reported that they

have fulfilled the duty assigned them, in concurrence with the Committee of the Legislature.

Read and accepted.

Treasurer to borrow money

. In order to authorize the City and County Treasurer to borrow a sum of money, for the use of the City and County, to build a House of Correction.— Came up from the common Council for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Appropriations

Order of the Common Council, directing that the sum of four hundred and ninety eight dollars, sixty cents, be added to the appropriation for widening streets, and that the sum of four hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for constables, and that the sum of one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars be added to the appropriation for instruction of Public schools, and that the sum of four hundred dollars be withdrawn from the appropriation for the County of Suffolk, and that the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be withdrawn from the appropriation for salaries of City and County Officers.— Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Lafayette

. A letter from General Lafayette to the Mayor expressing his acknowledgements to the City of Boston and communicating his intention to be present at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the monument on Bunker's Hill, in June next, at the same time signifying that the recent decease of a member of his son's

family would hasten his departure from the United States; therefore he could not at present engage to celebrate the anniversary of Independence until he should see the Mayor.

Read and sent down.

Adjourned to Monday next half past 6 Clock P. M.

Monday March 7th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Baxter, Quincy Child, Dow, Patterson and Eddy.

The Mayor to whom was referred the Parker Petition of John W. Parker, for leave to establish telegraphic signals on Hospital Island, reports that there is no objection to granting said Parker his request— Read & accepted.

Petition of Benjamin Simson to hire the Simson flats above South Boston bridge for the purpose of bedding Oysters, for which he offers twenty dollars per annum— Read and committed to Alderman Baxter with full power to lease one acre of said flats to said Simson on paying one years rent in advance.

Petition of Seth Copeland, praying that Copeland the direction of High street may be determined. Read and Read and committed to Alderman Child to consider and report.

Ordered that Alderman Child, Dow & North Margin Steet

Patterson be a Committee to consider the expediency of extending North Margin street until it shall meet Hillman street."

Lincoln — The Committee to whom the Petition of Ensign Lincoln, was referred, reported, That it is expedient that the line on the west side of Federal street from Milk street to the Theatre should be straitened, and that said street ought to be thirty five feet wide which will take from the Paine estate at the northeast corner two feet one inch, running on a line south to a point, containing one hundred and sixteen feet.— David H. Child, Pr order.

Read and accepted.

Evarts — The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the resignation of Jeremiah Evarts, as an Overseer of the poor— Reported, that it is inexpedient to cause another appointment until the ensuing April election of City Officers.

Read & accepted.

Brookline & City line established — An act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, establishing the boundary lines of the City of Boston, and the town of Brookline.— Read and referred to the Mayor to cause monuments to be placed on the lines, and a plan thereof to be taken.

Unfinished business — Order of the Common Council directing the several committees who have unfinished business before them that they be instructed to report on the subjects referred to them respectively, at the next meeting of the City Council,

as soon afterwards as the nature of such subjects will admit.— Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and referred to the Mayor.

Abpearing to this board that notice Codman
has been given to George Codman, to appear at this time and show cause if any he have, why he should not be declared a person non compos mentis, and that said fact be so certified to the Judge of Probate, in order that he may have a Guardian appointed according to law; said George did not appear; and it appearing from evidence of divers credible witnesses that said George is a person non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of himself; it was so certified to the Judge of Probate accordingly.

Order of the Common Council directing Appropriation
that the sum of two thousand dollars be added to the abbropriation for the Health department, and that the sum of five thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for the Overseers of the poor, which sums may be taken from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.— Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Petition from John Hawes and others Hawes
requesting, that in the event the City authorities shall be disposed to transfer the power of erecting a bridge from Wheeler's point to South Boston to any individuals or corporation that the said petitioners may have the preference.

Read and sent down.

66. Order of the Common Council appointing
South Boston Messrs S. R. Williams, Russell, Ballard, Lodge, &
Bridge Lincoln, with such as the board of Aldermen
might join, a committee to take into consider-
ation the act of the Legislature of this Com-
monwealth authorizing the building of a bridge
from Wheeler's point to South Boston, and also
what measures it is expedient to adopt in
relation to said bridge.— came up for con-
currence.— Read and concurred, and the
Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne and Child
are joined.—

Lothrop The committee to whom the petition
Salem Street of Hillman & others praying to have the line
of Salem Street determined in the place where
it contemplates building. Reported, that in
the opinion of this committee the line of the
contemplated building should run in a di-
rection from the south westerly corner of a
brick store on the north, to the northwesterly
corner of a brick dwelling house on the south.

This line may take about four inches of
land now covered by Mr Lothrop's wooden build-
ing into the street in one place and taking
the line of his wooden building as the line,
will give him about as much in an other
place next to the brick house, the edge stones
and side walk opposite this estate, are now
laid rather low and whenever it is relaid it
will probably be raised about three inches.

Joseph H. Dow, Pr order.

Read & accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the 67.
Petition of the Directors of the Branch Bank Branch
relative to their side walks around their building bank
ing on Hale street and Wilson's lane, reports
That in their opinion that the side walk
on Hale street betwen Exchange Strut and
Wilson's lane, in front of said Bank and
the New England Insurance Company build-
ing, shall be twelve feet four inches wide
at the corner of Exchange street, and eleven
feet wide at the corner of Wilson's lane on
a streight line, and on Wilson's lane three feet
wide from the base of the main banking build
ing. — The elevation of the edge stone at the
corner of Wilson's lane to be level with the
bottom of the second course of the hammered
stone at the Southwest corner of the building
and at the east end of the eastern flight
of steps of said Bank, the elevation of the
edge stone shall be eleven and half inches be-
low the top of the lower step running on a
straight line and on declined plane from
Wilsons lane to exchange street.

David H. Child for Order.

Read & accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Sweetser
Petition of Henry Sweetser, for compensation for Temple
a strip of land taken to widen Temple and Derne Street
Derne Streets, reported, that they are the
same Committee that fixed the line of the
street, by Mr Fuller's survey, where Mr Sweetser

65. has moved his building. An old fence stood upon the line of the street when Mr Sweetser began his work which was the only landmark standing, and this he removed, and he dug down part of the side walk and removed the earth before any notice was given to the City authorities of such intention.— your Committee was therefore compelled, in fixing the line of the street, to regard the general range of buildings fronting thereon and determine the line thereby.— Your Committee however, from a full recollection of all the circumstances are quite confident that the land taken would not exceed fifteen inches on Temple, thence running fifty feet westerly on Derne street to a point, being equal, in the whole to thirty one and one quarter feet, which in the opinion of your Committee was not a total loss to Mr Sweetser because he has now some benefit from a wider street.— Your Committee are further of opinion that forty dollars would be ample compensation for said land so taken and they therefore recommend that the amount be paid to said Sweetser by the Mayor on receiving a deed for said land.

All which is respectfully submitted.

George Odiorne for order.

Read & accepted and referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

Whitwell Water street

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Whitwell, Bond & Co relative

to the line of Water Street, reported, that they have examined the premises referred to, and that part of Water Street on which the same is bounded, and have had several interviews with Messrs Whitwell, Bond & Co and find that a small quantity of Land agreeable to the plan herewith exhibited will be necessary to be taken by the City from Messrs Whitwell Bond and Co's Lot for the purpose of widening Water Street say feet so as to make the said Street conform on the south side with the buildings lately erected by Messrs Waterston and Pray making said Street forty feet wide and the Committee think it expedient, and do recommend that the said strip of Land be taken by the City for the purposes above mentioned. And that the City pay Messrs Whitwell, Bond & Co for the same, the sum of One hundred and sixty dollars, when the same is added to said Street and the side way is completed in conformity with the side way of said Waterston & Pray, on a streait line, and in elevation to conform with the Street as may be directed by the Committee of that district.— All which is respectfully submitted.. David W. Child.

Read & accepted, referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening Pleasant Street, Street reported. That at the said place and sole

Pleasant

the south eastward the line of the street, and buildings as they now stand make a very considerable projection into the street from the southwest and the street is narrower opposite to this bend than in its general course. For these reasons your committee recommend that a small portion of all the land between the brick house of Mr Samuel Sprague and the new brick houses of Mr Porter be taken into the street as fast as the buildings are taken down or removed by a line as follows Viz.
Beginning at the southeasterly corner of said Sprague's brick house and running in a strait line southeasterly nineteen feet to a point four feet and six inches southwesterly from where the present line of Pleasant Street now is, and from that point still southeasterly in a strait line to the northwesterly corner of said Porter's new brick house, for the present to lay into said street only so much of said land as may be taken from the estate of Mr. Allen and Mr Edward Hales as by a plan made by S. P. Fuller herewith submitted will more fully appear, reference thereunto being had. — All which is respectfully submitted.

Daniel Parker, Jr Order.

Read & accepted.

Male Convicts. The Committee to whom was referred the subject of consideration & support of Male Paupers confined in the House of Correction, Repaired; that they have seen that all the

accounts the bills have against the Commonwealth for the maintainance of Male Paupers in the House of Correction were duly prefared and laid before the Legislature's Committee of accounts, with such explanations as the said seemed to require, and all the evidence of which it was susceptible, and that they have obtained an allowance of thirteen hundred eighty nine dollars in satisfaction of said accounts.

Your Committee find by a law of 1823, no male pauper between the age of 12 and 60 in health can be made chargeable to the State if sentenced by Justices of Peace, or the Police Court.... Your Committee would therefore suggest the propriety of having hereafter as many of those accused of Crimes sent for trial to the Municipal Court, especially of Males, as can be consistent with the jurisdiction of said Courts, and the allegations against the parties as it is understood there can be no dispute under the existing laws, of recovering pay from the State, for those sentenced by the Municipal Court.— All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph H. Tour, Prcder.

Read & accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Tileston to have the Engine House removed from High street. Repoted, that the Committee has, with great labour and trouble, caused the Engine Men with the Engine House to be removed from

Tileston
Engine House
High street

72. Mr Tilestons premises in High street, to land belonging to the City at the south easterly end of Summer street, and as this removal did not exactly conform to the wishes of some of the Company attached to said Engine; & as the house was small and inconvenient, eight feet has been added to the length of the house, and a partition made therein, the inner room finished off in a comfortable manner, so as to make it a satisfactory place for the purpose for which it is intended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph H. Dow, Committee.

Read & accepted.

Elms house estate of,

The committee of both branches of the City Council on the subject of the sale of the Elms House; & who were authorized to contract in behalf of the City for such sale; provided the same be not sold for a sum not less than one hundred thousand dollars, & on such terms of credit as the said committee shall deem adviseable. Reported;

That they forthwith caused the said Elms house estate to be advertised in the month of May last, offering the same to any person who should make the best proposals for the purchase not less than one hundred thousand dollars on or before the tenth day of June then next; that on opening the said proposals on that day, none were found to be made amounting to the above mentioned limited sum; nor has it been in the power of the Committee to obtain an

offer

Alms house.

offer of the required amount, notwithstanding several negotiations have been had with various individuals on that subject, until the present time. They have now, however, the satisfaction to state, that on the fifth instant, they closed a contract with an individual, in all respects sufficiently competent, for the purchase, at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, on the following terms. The City to deliver the same with all its rights & privileges, conformably to the plan of Osgood Carlton, the upland & flats in all material respects being as set forth in said plan; the City to extend Carr lane to low water mark, & to give possession of the estate on, or before the first day of June next; The purchaser to pay ten thousand dollars on the delivery of possession, & a sufficient bond collateral secured by mortgage of the premises or other security, satisfactory to the City, for the payment of the residue at any period within ten years, with an interest of five per cent. payable semi annually until paid. As by the terms of this contract, possession of the Alms house estate is to be given on or before the first day of June next, the Committee are of opinion that no delay ought to be permitted to occur in ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ making the requisite arrangements; and that for this purpose the Overseers of the poor should be advised of the determination of the City Council. That a committee be appointed to confer in conference with the overseers of the poor with full powers to take all such measures as may be necessary for the purpose of transporting the whole of the inmates of the present

Alms

Alms house to South Boston, within the time above specified; & for this purpose recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved, That from and after the fifteenth day of April next, all the poor & indigent persons liable to be supported by the City, shall be relieved, supported & employed in the House of Industry at South Boston, & that the Overseers of the poor be requested to take measures for the transfer of all the inmates of the present Alms house; to that place before that time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Odiorne Child, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee with full power, to have an interview with the Overseers of the poor, on the subject, and to take all such measures as may be necessary to effect the transfer of all the tenants of the present Alms house, to the establishment at South Boston, as soon as posible; with authority, if any farther accommodations be necessary to report the same to the City Council. Read and accepted, and the resolves passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part. Messrs. the President, E. Williams, Savage and Davis.

George's & Lovells Islands

The committee of both branches of the City Council, who were authorized by a resolve of the City Council of the twenty ninth day of November last, to purchase if they saw fit George's & Lovell's Islands, on such terms & conditions as they may deem expedient. Report, That having received from the Hon. James Lloyd

& Daniel Webster, Esquires, documents marked A.B.C. whereby the necesity of immediately investing in the City the title of Georges & Lovells Islands became apparent, they immediately opened a negociation with Levi Lincoln the Guardian of Caleb Rice, the present Proprietor a non Combos, who has entered into covenants with the City to use his best endeavours to obtain from the Supreme Judicial Court, or the Legislature as the case may require, to sell the said Islands to the City, in which case the City has contracted to pay for the same, on receiving the deed, on thousand dollars in Cash, & to give an obligation to pay Caleb Rice, or his legal guardian four hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal quarterly payments, on the first day of April, July, October, & January, during the life time of said Rice, & after his decease the further sum of five thousand dollars to his legal heirs or legatees; the title to the Islands being on investigation found to be satisfactory.

Georges & Lovells Islands,

Josiah Quincy, Chairman

Read & accepted, and thereupon Ordered, that this report be referred to the same committee, with instructions to A prohibit the tenant from committing any depredations by carrying away sand & ballast from said Islands, or to make an agreement with him in that respect. Sent down for concurrence. Came ups concurred with the following amendment viz: Strike out from A. & insert "make an agreement with the tenant by which the carrying away of sand & ballast from said Islands may be prevented."

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Federal & High streets.

Resolved, that the board do meet to morrow at 9 o'Clock A.M. at the head of Federal street at the corner of High street for the purpose of laying out and widening said streets.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Tuesday March 8th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Otis, Child, Dorr and Patterson.

Pickering

Application of Jesse Chickering for a license to deliver lectures on Astronomy. Read and the prayer thereof granted, without any charge.

Gen. Meeting amending City Charter

Ordered, that a warrant for a general meeting of the Inhabitants be issued, to be held at Faneuil Hall, on friday the twenty fifth day of March, instant, at 12 o'clock M. then & there to give in their written votes upon the adoption of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act in further addition to an act entitled an act establishing the City of Boston" passed on the twenty seventh day of January last.

School house Ward 12.

The committee on purchasing land for a school house in Ward No. 11 or 12, reports, that the contract mentioned in said report has been completed, the deed is on file, and the stock has been created in conformity with the contract. Read & accepted.

Federal & High streets

The board proceeded to view Federal & High streets, for the purpose of widening the same.

Thereupon

Whereupon Resolved; that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that High street should be widened in manner following viz: beginning on the northerly side of Federal street at a point measuring twenty nine feet and six inches from the northwesterly corner of William Lovering, 2min's house, on the southerly side of High street, & running southwesterly until it meets Summer street; this line is thirty five feet distant northerly from the corner of the Shop at the junction of High & Summer streets belonging to Rufus Farnam, And the same is laid out and widened accordingly. The land hereby taken is five feet wide at the corner of Federal & High streets, & seven feet six inches opposite the corner of said Farnam's Shop before mentioned; as per plan of the above street taken by S. P. Fuller dated March 12. 1825.

The board proceeded & viewed the land laid out and taken for the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, and the several streets proposed to be laid out near the same. Faneuil Hall Market

Adjourned to Monday next half past six o'clock P. M.

Monday March 14th 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr, Patterson & Eddy.

Petition

Petition of James Kirkwood, for

Kirkwood remuneration for damage done to his carriage on the ninth day of November, last, which fell with the horses into a drain in Hanover street. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report.

Stimson Alderman Baxter reports that Benj.a

Eats Stimson has staked out about one acre of flats above South Boston bridge, for the purpose of bedding oysters, & that a lease of the same has been given for one year, that he has paid twenty dollars therefor.

Read and accepted.

Johnson & The committee on the claim of

Carter Johnson & Carter for damage done to a carriage in Southack street, reported, that they be allowed twenty nine dollars & forty four cents, in full for said damages.

Read & accepted.

Georges & Order of the Common Council authorizing the Mayor to execute an obligation in behalf of

Lovells Islands the City, in conformity with the contract made by a joint committee of the City Council, for the purchase of Georges and Lovells Islands, & that he be authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasury for the instalment of one thousand dollars, which by agreement is to be paid for said Islands on the delivery of the deeds thereof.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Hawes Order of the Common Council committing

S.th Boston bridge the petition of John Hawes, & others, praying, that in the event of the City authorities being disposed to transfer the power to erect a bridge from Wheeler's point to South Boston,

to any individual or corporation, that the petitioners for said bridge before the Legislature may be entitled to the preference, — to the Committee who have under consideration the act of the Legislature authorizing the erection of said bridge, to consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

The committee of both branches of the City Council who were ordered to take into consideration the act of the Legislature authorizing the building a bridge to South Boston from Wheeler's point, & what measures it is expedient to adopt in relation thereto, Report,

That having taken those subjects into consideration, they are unanimously of opinion, that the City ought not to build the bridge authorized in the act of the Legislature entitled "An act establishing a free bridge in the City of Boston" with satisfactory indemnity. In order therefore to ascertain whether there are any person or persons willing and able to give such satisfactory indemnity, they recommend to the City Council to appoint a committee with full authority to advertize for & receive from any person or persons proposals to indemnify the City for all expenses which may be incurred in building the said Bridge; & for all compensation the City may be held to make to any person or corporation, whose land shall be appropriated to the use of said bridge, & also to any person or corporation who may sustain damage by the obstruction of navigation caused by the erection of said Bridge; & that they have authority to specify the terms & manner in which such indemnification shall be made, & to report from time to time the

Bridge to S. Boston.

proposals

proposals they may receive, & their opinion upon the subject to the City Council.

Per order. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & thereupon ordered, that Messrs. S. K. Williams, Russell, Ballard, Lodge & Lincoln, with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, be a committee to carry the said report into effect. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, & Child are joined.

School house Ward 12.

Order of the Common Council authorizing the Mayor & Aldermen to build a school house forthwith on the land lately purchased of Joshua Davis, by & for that purpose in Ward No. 12, taking the advice of the School committee in relation to the size and plan of the same, having reference to a suitable apartment for ward meetings, & that the Mayor & Aldermen be requested to ascertain & report the sum necessary to be appropriated for carrying the same into effect.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Hobart

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to draw upon the Treasury for one hundred & four dollars & forty four cents, in favour of Moses L. Hobart, to be accounted for by him in June next. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Curtis Front Street

Petition of Henry B. Curtis, to purchase a small piece of flats adjoining his estate on the South & extending to South Boston bridge, measuring about thirty three feet on Front street, & running to a point. Read &

Committed

committed to Aldermen Baxter & Child, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the common Council joined on its part Messrs. Frothingham, Bradlee and Charles Sprague.

Petition of James B. Richardson, & others, to have Purchase street widened. Read & committed to the whole board, to view the same. Richardson Purchase St.

The Mayor & Aldermen in conformity with a resolve of the City Council have caused a survey of that part of common street, which extends from the corner of the estate formerly belonging to Wm Waldo, to the corner of Howard street, upon a prospective plan, embracing the greatest ultimate practicable improvement now contemplated; both as respects widening & elevation; together with a plan of the particular estates affected by this proposed improvement, and they now lay the same before the City Council for their approbation, together with the estimate of carrying the same into effect so far as it is possible to estimate the same. These estimates are formed upon the present value of the land, & the number of square feet, proposed to be taken off; but it is obvious that great deductions must & probably will be made from these estimates; inasmuch as the land owned by the respective proprietors, is in every case very deep & the advantage of a wide street, & an easy ascent will in almost every case be nearly a balance for loss of land, so far as it respects the proprietors from whom any land shall be taken, — So far as it respects the proprietors on the opposite side of the street from whom no land will be taken, the Pemberton hill Common St.

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question whether any injury will be done to their estates, in comparison with the great benefit, which will result from reducing the level of the street, can only be decided after the effect of the proposed deduction shall be known.

The opportunity of widening that part of common street which passes over Pemberton's hill may for many years be lost, unless a prospective system be adopted as proposed, & the reduction at the same time of the ascent of that hill is greatly to be desired, and as it will be done gradually, & in a succession of years, the expense can be more easily borne by the City. A

Estimate of expense.

923	feet	from G. Greene		
1187	"	" S. Lloyd		
450	"	" S. A. Shuttleff		
24	"	" S. Carleton....	2810 feet @ $1.	2810.
2810				
	280	Squares of dirt	@ $1	280.
				$3090.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred, with the following amendment viz: At A insert "and thereupon resolved, that the width of that part of Common Street which extends from the corner of the estate formerly belonging to Wm. Wallis to the corner of Howard Street be extended agreeable to a plan of prospective improvements recommended by the Mayor & Aldermen.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Evan. Hist. Soc. of South Boston

The committee of both branches of the City Council to whom was referred the petitions of the Evangelical & Congregational Church Society at South Boston,

&c.

for permission to erect tombs under their meeting house. Reported, that the prayer of said Petitioners ought to be granted. Read & not accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to 9 o'Clock tomorrow morning, then to meet at the head of Liverpool wharf, in Buchanan-Street.

Tuesday March 15th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr and Patterson.

Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that High & Summer streets should be widened, & the same are widened as follows viz: by cutting off the corner of a Shop at the junction of said streets measuring eight feet on Summer street, and thirteen & one inch on High street, & ten feet, ten inches on a curve line from said point on Summer street to said point on High street, according to a plan of said streets taken by S. P. Fuller, dated March 12. 1825. High & Summer Streets

The board also viewed Buchanan street, near the head of Liverpool wharf, & determined the line, which will be described hereafter. Buchanan St.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Tidd, & others, relative to land to be taken from their land at the corner of Summer & Sea streets to widen the former street, have been on the ground, caused it to be surveyed, & ask leave to report, that in the opinion Tidd Summer & Sea Streets.

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Tidd

Summer & Sea st.

of your committee it is expedient for the safety & convenience of the Citizens that Summer street should be widened on the southerly side as follows viz: beginning at the outer side of the second stone steps of the house of William P. Whiting, Esq. from thence running straight to the northeasterly corner of a new house erected by Jedidiah Tuttle, & from the northeasterly corner of said Tuttles new house, across the land of Jacob Tidd, & others to a stake on Sea street which said stake is seventy one feet six inches on the westerly line of Sea street from the northerly corner of land belonging to the heirs of Samuel Torrey, deceased. It is hereby intended to throw into Summer street all the land laying northwardly of the line above described, as by a plan of the same taken by S. P. Fuller, on the back of the report on file, will more fully appear, and by which it is shewn that fifty nine feet of land has been taken from the lot of Jedidiah Tuttle, and also that two hundred & ninety one feet of land has been taken from the lot of Jacob Tidd, & others. Your committee are of opinion that the City ought to pay said Tuttle forty four dollars, & twenty five cents in full compensation for land taken from him as aforesaid, so soon as he shall relinquish the same to the use of the City. And that the City might to pay said Jacob Tidd, & others, two hundred & eighteen dollars, & twenty five cents, in full compensation for land taken from them as aforesaid so soon as they shall have relinquished the same to the use of the City, and shall have made side walks against the same to the satisfaction of the Mayor & Aldermen. All which is respectfully submitted. Daniel Baxter, Joseph H. Dorr, Committee.

Read & accepted.

The committee of this board to whom School Com.
was referred a report which came up from the Common
Council relative to the rights & powers of the School com-
mittee, reported, that the further consideration of the
subject be referred to the next City Council. Read
& accepted, & thereupon ordered, that the same be referred
accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next half past 6 o'Clock P. M.

Monday March 21st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The Mayor - Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child,
Dove and Patterson.

Application of Lemuel Porter, to open Porter
& make a drain in Prince street. Read & the prayer thereof Prince St.
granted upon condition that he construct the same in the
centre of the street & make the drain one foot wide and
fourteen inches high.

Ordered, that the City Clerk issue Ward meetings
the several warrants for ward meetings to be held on the
first monday of April next, at the several places of meet
ing appointed for that purpose, for the election of Governor,
Lieutenant Governor, and six Senators for the district of Suffolk.
The meeting to be opened at 11 o'Clock A. M. & the
Poll not to be closed until 3 o'Clock P. M.

Resolve of the Legislature passed on Children
the twenty sixth day of February last, instructing the Mayor in Factories
& Aldermen to send to the office of the Secretary of the
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86. Commonwealth, before the first session of the next General Court, a statement of the number of persons of each sex, under sixteen years of age, employed by any manufacturing Company within their City, setting forth the length of time during which they are usually kept at work, & the chronometrics allowed, & means provided for their education." Read & committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Odiorne & Cousins.

Bent St. Boston. Petition of Adam Bent, & others, praying that a road may be made from the east point of South Boston to the village. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider and report.

Purchase St. Common sewer. Communication of Alderman Dorr stating that the common sewer leading from the Cist pool in Purchase Street, into the dock between Russia & Liverpool wharves has become decayed, & caved in, is entirely filled up; & that it is too small, & thinks it would be advisable to enlarge the same. Read & committed to the Mayor, with authority to do in the premises what may be deemed necessary.

Curtis Temple St. Petition of Charles P. Curtis, & others, that a new common sewer, be laid in Temple street from Summer Street to Derne street. Read & referred to the Mayor & the Committee of the District, with authority to carry the same into effect.

Temple St. Common sewer. Returns having been made by the auditor of accounts of the assessments to defray the expenses of constructing a new common sewer in Temple Street, laid by the City the last year. Read & accepted & thereupon ordered, that the same be collected from the several individuals therein named.

Communication from Richard Sullivan Esq. in behalf of the occupants of Rust's wharf on Pond street, requesting information whether it be the intention of the City government to fill in with earth the space between said wharf on the south and the Causeway, in making Charlestown & Causeway streets, or to throw a bridge over, leaving the water privilege uninterrupted. Read and it is the opinion of this board that the space ought to be filled up solid. Sullivan Charlestown & Causeway Streets.

On the petition of James Kirkwood, the Mayor reports, that it is proper for Mr. Kirkwood to have recourse to the persons who either left the drain uncovered, or who opened it after it was covered. The superintendant of the drain is well known or can easily be ascertained, & is a responsible person. The individual injured by a neglect such as is complained of, ought in the first place to look to the person who has been the cause of the injury; and if he be in the employ of the City, and not responsible, it will be a subsequent question, how far the City is bound to indemnify. Kirkwood

Read & accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Luther Town and David Chapin, praying to occupy a strip of land at the head of the dock at the bottom of Cross Street, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the same. Town & Chapin Cross St.

Read & accepted.

Order of the Common Council authorizing the Mayor to procure the portrait of General Lafayette, to be taken at such time as shall be convenient to that Gentleman, & that the Mayor draw his warrant on the City Lafayette Portrait

City Treasury for the expense thereof. Came up for concurrence.
Read & concurred.

Lovering & others, State St.

Communication from Joseph Lovering & others, stating, that their drains running from their estates on State street, have been stopped occasioned by filling up the dock near Bray's wharf, & praying that their sewral drains may be extended. Read & committed to Alderman Child who immediately reported, that an interview has been had with the petitioners, and it has been agreed, that they shall drain their cellars into State street drain, and that the drains be laid in a faithful & satisfactory manner to the acceptance of the Mayor & Aldermen, and that the City pay the expense of the same when completed.

Read and accepted.

Dogs

The committee upon the subject of Dogs running at large reported, that the subject was laid before the Legislature & an act obtained.

Read & accepted.

Constable

The Mayor nominated Horatio Gates Buttrick, a Constable of the City of Boston, and the board confirm the same.

Watchmen rules & orders.

Ordered, that the following be added to the rules & orders to be observed by the Watchmen, when on duty viz: Every watchman shall do duty in the district assigned him, & he shall not leave it on any account (except he be called to the assistance of some other watchman, or by a Citizen, or by order of the Captain or Constable of the Watch, or in case of an alarm of fire) & if he be found in any house, shop or cellar or any other building during watch hours he shall be immediately discharged.

Ordered, That the Mayor cause the buildings and obstructions to be removed from Charlestown Causeway streets. 89. Charlestown & Stud

Ordered, That the Mayor, consider & report upon the expediency of widening the Green Dragon Passage, so called, at the head of Union street. Green Dragon

Ordered, That Aldermen Baxter & Dorr, be a committee upon the subject of widening the ~~street~~ street at the corner of Essex and Front streets by taking a strip of land from Wm Hastings' lot, and report. Essex & Front streets

Ordered, That the City Clerk cause to be published in the newspapers, that proposals will be received until the eighteenth day of April, next, for supplying the City with Oil viz: from three to four thousand gallons of Summer strained Sperm aceti and from two to three thousand gallons of Winter strained Sperm aceti to be delivered to the Lamp lighters monthly, in such quantities as may be wanted for lighting the City. Oil

Ordered, That the Superintendent of burying grounds be instructed to file the several accounts of deaths which have been and may be received from other Cities. Deaths

Ordered, That Alderman Patterson be instructed to repair the wall of the North burying ground in such manner as the interest of the City may require. North burial ground

Application of Lewis Tappan, to have the new Court sixth Federal ~~Court~~ Court opened by taking Tappan

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down a board fence between said Courts, and that three persons be chosen to appraise the damages or value of a strip of land taken to widen High street. Read and committed to Aldermen Child & Dorr, to consider and report.

Baxter — Petition of Adam W.m Shaaler, praying
North Allen st. the elevation of North Allen street may be determined; he being about building two houses on said street. Read and thereupon resolved, that the whole board will meet on the premises to morrow morning at half past eight o'clock, and that Mr. Fuller the Surveyor be notified to attend.

Adjourned to half past eight o'clock to morrow morning then to meet in North Allen street.

Tuesday March 22.d 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Dorr & Patterson.

North Allen Street. The board proceeded to take the elevation of North Allen street with the assistance of J. P. Fuller, Surveyor.

West Centre Street. The board afterwards viewed West Centre street, at the head of Myrtle & Pinckney streets.

Adjourned to Friday next half past 6 o'clock P.M.

Friday March 25th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr and Pattorson.

Resolved, That the Mayor and Aldermen will on Wednesday the thirtieth day of March instant, at nine o'clock A. M. meet to consider the necessity or expediency of laying out the following streets viz:

A street running from the Roe buck Passage, otherwise called Swing bridge alley to the mill creek; seventeen feet wide. New streets

A street running from Merchants Row easterly towards the harbour, sixty five feet wide.

A street running from Merchants Row easterly, towards the harbour, one hundred & two feet wide.

A street running from Merchants' row easterly towards the harbour, thirty five or forty feet wide.

A street running at right angles to the above streets from the Mill Creek southerly towards the Long wharf.

And that the City Clerk give notice of the said meeting to all persons interested therein by a publication in two or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Petition of Charles G. Loring, & others, praying that a new common sewer be built in Temple street, between Derne & Summer streets. Read & Committed to the Mayor, to give notice to all persons interested to appear before this board, on Monday next, at seven o'clock P. M. & object to the same, if they see fit, by publication in one or more newspapers printed in the City. Loring Temple St.

Ordered, That the Mayor & Alderman Baxter, be a committee to take into consideration the expediency of widening Boylston street, in front of the estate belonging to Benjamin W. Nevers.

Nevers Boylston St.

Ordered, That Aldermen Child & Dorr be a committee upon the application of the proprietors of estates on the southerly end of Tilby street, for a new drain or common sewer.

Tilby St. drain.

Communication from the City Marshal stating that a fence erecting by order of General Arnold Welles at the end of the wharf which apparently encroaches upon the City's land. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report.

Welles Wharf Lands.

Adjourned to Monday next half past 6 o'Clock P. M.

Monday March 28th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Osborne, Child, Dorr & Patterson.

Petition of Giles Lodge & John Bellows, praying that Boylston street may be widened. Read and committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Baxter, to consider & report.

Lodge & Boylston St.

The committee upon the subject of measuring wood & bark brought for sale from the country, reported an ordinance regulating the same. Read and committed to the Mayor, to consider & report.

Wood & Bark measurement.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Fabyan, relative to his building on and

Fabyan. Fish street

widening High street — Report — that it will be expedient for the safety & convenience of the Citizens of Boston, to widen High street agreeable to a plan made by S. D. Fuller, by order of the Mayor & Aldermen exhibited with the report, & in particular at this time on the north side of said High street, from Federal street to Summer street, from land belonging to Lewis Tappan, & others, viz: five feet on Federal street measuring in a square direction on the north side of said High street, & running westerly on a straight line from thence to Summer street, & there measuring seven feet six inches, containing fourteen hundred fifty eight feet; & the Committee further report as their opinion that the said Lewis Tappan, & others, should be allowed & paid by the City for the said land, thus taken to widen said High street, the sum of one dollar, & twelve & an half cents, per foot, in full for said land, amounting to Sixteen hundred forty dollars, & twenty five cents, when the same shall be delivered to the City aforesaid with a deed of the land, & a good side walk laid, & made of brick & stone in front of the contemplated block of buildings, from Federal street to Summer street, under the direction & to the satisfaction of the Mayor & Aldermen.

Most respectfully submitted by David W. Child, Chairman

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Stearns & others, report, that they have caused a survey to be made by S. D. Fuller, Esq. of all the lots of land between Cooper street & Thacher street, & have fixed the southerly line of Thacher street from Pond street to North Margin street. Your Committee would further

Stearns

North Margin st.

Q/11. further Ordered, That said street is forty feet in width as laid down on plan. 2d That the northerly line of said street at the westerly end comes within one foot two inches of the corner of Mr. Allds two foot buildings; thence running eastwardly about one hundred & two feet till it comes opposite the southeastwardly corner of said Allds buildings, there measuring eight feet, eleven inches distant from said buildings; thence running northerly to Prince street. All which is respectfully submitted: Enoch Patterson.

Read and accepted.

Parker

Petition of Samuel D. Parker, praying

Pinckney & West Cedar Streets.

That a committee may be appointed to consider the damage done to his house at the corner of Pinckney & West Cedar streets in consequence of the digging down of those streets, by reason of which he obliged to lay a new the foundation of the walls of his said house. Read and committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Odiorne, to consider and report.

Loring & Temple St.

It appearing to this board, that notice has been given to all persons, interested in the premises, on the petition of Charles G. Loring, & others, praying that a new common sewer be built in Temple street, between Derne & Summer streets, agreeable to an order of this board, shaped on the twenty fifth instant, & no person appearing, Thereupon Ordered, That the prayer of said petition be granted; & the common sewer constructed under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen Odiorne.

Wright & Bolton

Petition of William Wright praying that a survey may be made of a part of Broad way in South Boston

Boston, that the line of the street be ascertained before he shall begin to build on said street. Read & referred to the Mayor with instructions to employ A. T. Fuller the Surveyor.

Faneuil Hall Market. Roe buck passage.

The committee on the subject of the extension of Faneuil Hall market respectfully report. That the expediency of opening the Roe buck passage & straightening it to the width of thirty five feet, in stead of making a new street in the direction of the Conduit Alley, has been proposed upon your committee by so many considerations of public convenience & interest, that they have deemed it their duty to open a negotiation with Samuel Hammond Esq. & the other proprietors of the land lying immediately adjoining that passage, for the above purpose. And after considerable difficulty they have closed a bargain with said Hammond for the exchange of that part of the land which would be cut off for the widening the Roe buck passage; for other land of the City adjoining said Hammond's land the particular of that exchange, & the results are stated in detail in the document marked A accompanying this report on file. The great objection to the opening of the Roe buck passage as now proposed was the anticipated expense to the City but your committee ascertained that the three estates adjoining on the east side of the Roe buck passage might be purchased on terms which would enable the City to indemnify itself for this anticipated expense; the encreased value, which would result to those estates by opening the new street, in the proposed direction as well as by the improvement made in

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the value of the present property of the City in that vicinity. The three estates may be purchased for a sum somewhat short of thirty six thousand dollars. The manner in which their value will be increased by the new street, & their connection & importance, as it respects the remaining property of the City will be seen by the plan marked **B** annexed to said report on file, and the document **A** before mentioned. Your committee therefore recommend for the consideration of the City Council the following resolution which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Resolved, that the Committee on the extension of Faneuil Hall market, be and they are hereby authorized to purchase the three estates adjoining the Roe buck passage, owned by William Welch, Henry Lienow and the heirs of Wm Hoffman provided the same can be purchased at a sum not exceeding thirty six thousand dollars & that they be authorized to cause all deeds to be executed, necessary for carrying into effect the arrangement for the exchange of the street through conduit alley to the Roe buck passage. Read & accepted. & the resolve passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mayors message Baldwin's land,

Gentlemen of the City Council,

I communicate to you a letter just received from Wm. Baldwin from which it appears that the land purchased by him of the City extends in part in Roxbury. The westerly line of the private right of land of the City, not coinciding with the line of City jurisdiction. In this state of things, it is for the

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City Council to determine whether the plot of land as surveyed; & which is herewith communicated shall be conveyed to Wm Baldwin — it being understood that the westerly line of this plot as here surveyed coincides with the line of the City jurisdiction — or whether a new survey shall take place, & the plot of land conveyed to Wm Baldwin shall coincide with the extreme western line of the City's right to land bounding on Messrs Sears & Francis land, in which case Wm Baldwin's improvements will be placed in Roxbury beyond the line of City jurisdiction. It appears by Wm Baldwin's letter that he is indifferent which location shall be adopted. The subject therefore is wholly referred to the discretion of the City Council. Josiah Quincy.

Read & thereupon Resolved, that the plat of ground sold to said Baldwin shall be surveyed so as the westerly line shall be made to coincide with the line of Messrs Francis & Sears' land. Sent down for concurrence. Came up now concurred, & the Common Council ordered, that the subject be referred to the Committee of Neck Lands, with authority to fix a suitable location for the land sold said Baldwin, & to report their doings to the City Council. Came up for concurrence

Read & concurred.

Petition of Cyprus Alger, praying that the City would contract with him for lighting the streets by means of gas. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Odiorne & Dorr, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Com. Council joined on its part Messrs Russell, Lodge, Hastings & Adam. Alger vs Gas.

Adams

The committee on the petition of William Adams for a renewal of his lease Reported, that the lease be renewed for five years on the following conditions viz: That he agree to pay a yearly rent of fifty dollars That he raise his Carpenters shop, remove it at least four feet from Ezra Trull's land, remove the shavings &c. from under said shop, & fill up with solid earth, at least four feet wide on Trull's line the whole length, as high as Merrimack street, and that the City shall have the right at any time within the said five years to resume the same by giving three months notice. All which is respectfully submitted. Joseph T. Dow, per order

Read and accepted. Sent down for Concurrence

Came up concurred

State house yard

The committee upon the subject of the State house yard, reported, that they have attended to the subject, & examined the account which has been postponed by the Legislature for consideration to the next General Court.

Read & accepted.

French

The committee upon the petition of Benjamin French & others, the occupants of stores in the vicinity of Faneuil Hall Market, for leave to occupy the present stores until those on the north side of the new Market house, shall be completed, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant said petition.

Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Wednesday next 9 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday March 30. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor, Aldermen Odiorne, Child, Dorr, Patterson and Eddy.

New Streets. Agreeable to an order of this board passed on the 25th instant, public notice was given, by an advertizement in three newspapers printed in Boston, to all persons interested, that the Mayor & Aldermen would proceed & lay out the several streets therein mentioned and hereinafter described; and no person appearing to object. The whole board attended on the ground for that purpose; and the several streets are laid out and extended accordingly, agreeable to a plan of the same taken by S. P. Fuller, Surveyor. viz:

afterwards named as in the Margin

Commercial Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require; That the new street of sixty five feet wide which was laid out on the tenth day of August last, commencing at the Mill Creek, should be extended southerly in a straight line until it meets the northerly line of the stores on Long wharf, carrying the width of sixty five feet.... And the same is laid out & extended accordingly.

South Market Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require; That a new street One hundred and two feet wide be laid out, and the same is laid out and extended within the limits following viz: Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of Merchants' Row, fifty feet southerly from the southerly side of the street laid out by the Mayor and Aldermen on the thirteenth day of September A. 1824.

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running easterly parallel to the southerly side of said street, and fifty feet distant therefrom, & extending until it meets the new street of sixty five feet wide, laid out on the tenth day of August A. 1824, and now extended as above described from the Mill Creek to the northerly line of the stores on the Long wharf; Then running southerly on the westerly side of said street, one hundred and two feet; Then running westerly until it meets Merchants' Row; Thence on Merchants Row, to the place of beginning. Said south line runs parallel one hundred and two feet distant from said north line.

New Streets. Chatham

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require, that a new street of forty feet wide should be laid out, & the same is laid out & extended within the limits following viz: Beginning on the easterly side of Merchants row, & running parallel with the southerly side of the street, laid out by the Mayor & Aldermen on the thirteenth day of September A. 1824, and distant therefrom two hundred and seventeen feet, and extending easterly until it meets the street of sixty five feet wide this day laid out and extended from the Mill Creek to the northerly side of the Long wharf; Then running southerly on the westerly side of the same new street, forty feet; Thence running westerly parallel with the northerly line of the first mentioned street two hundred & fifty two feet distant therefrom, until it meets Merchants Row aforesaid.

Commercial

Resolved, That the doings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the tenth day of August, last, in laying out

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the street mentioned above in the first Resolve be and hereby are confirmed, and the same street is laid out accordingly.

North Market

Resolved, that the doings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the thirteenth day of ~~August~~ September last, in laying out the street of sixty five feet wider extending from Merchants Row towards the harbour easterly, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and said street is laid out and extended accordingly.

Clinton St

Resolved, that the doings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the eighth day of December last, in laying out the street of seventeen feet wide, extending from the Roe buck passage, or Swing bridge alley to the Mill Creek, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and the said street is laid out & extended accordingly.

Ward meetings.

Ordered, that warrants be issued for the meeting of the Inhabitants in the several wards at the usual places of meeting, on monday the eleventh day of April next, at ten o'clock A. M. for the choice of Mayor and Aldermen, and the several others required by the City Charter.

Adjourned to Monday next half past six o'clock P. M.

Monday April 4th 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present The Mayor. Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dow & Patterson.

Printing &c. Neck lands Appropriations

Order of the Common Council directing that the sum of two hundred fifty dollars be added to the appropriation for printing & stationary, & that the sum of one hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for neck lands and that both the same sums be withdrawn from the appropriation for the purchase of land & erection of a new School house in lieu of the Franklin School house. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred

Old State House.

The joint committee who were authorized to lease the east end of the lower floor of the Old State house, reported, that they have leased the same to the Boston & Salem Insurance Company for one year to commence on the fifteenth of April instant, at eight hundred dollars per annum, and taxes, the rent to be paid quarterly. The Committee agreed to allow one hundred dollars out of the first quarters rent, for repairs. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Wales Winter street

Petition of Thomas B. Wales, Gothers, to have the elevation of the side walk on the Southerly side of Winter street determined. Read & committed to Alderman Odiorne, to consider & report.

Rice Kilby & Water St.

Petition of Henry Rice, for permission to open the drain from the corner of Kilby & Water streets into the common sewer & place a gate there in order to keep out

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the tide water from the Cellars in Liberty Square Read & the prayer thereof granted. Referred to the City Marshal to see it executed.

Petition of Whitwell, Bond & others, praying that the Lane extending from Leverett Street to low water mark, now called Cart Lane, may hereafter be called & known by the name of Minot Street. Read & it appearing to be the wish of all the owners of estates on said Lane, that the same should be changed as above, it is ordered, that the prayer of said Petition be granted. Whitwell & Minot Street.

Report of the Sub-committee of the School committee, declining to give any advice or opinion upon the subject of locating a School House in Ward No. 12. Read & sent down. School house Ward 12.

Communication from Lewis Tappan stating, that the owners of the land taken to widen High Street, refuse to take one dollar & twelve & a half cents per foot, & requesting that the subject be referred to arbitrators to settle the damages. Read & the prayer thereof not granted. Tappan High St.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Adams & Dorr be a committee to view Mr. Revens' estate on Boylston Street. Revens Boylston St.

Petition of Charles Ewer praying that the line of Washington street between Summer & Bedford streets may be determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Child & Dorr, to consider & report. Ewer Washington St.

Application of Anson Dexter, to erect store No. 2 in the Old State House, & offering to pay Dexter

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1011. Seven hundred fifty dollars. Rent for the same? Read and Committed to Aldermen Doty & Patterson with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. E. Williams, Wales and Otis.

Alger Gas Lights. The committee of the City Council to whom was referred the petition of Cyprus Alger, respectfully report. That the project of lighting the City with Gas, is of great importance, & deserves encouragement and recommend that a committee be appointed with full power to contract with Mr. Alger for lighting the City with Gas; provided no terms be granted more favourable to the Petitioner than those expressed in a similar contract made with the Gas Companies by the City of New York, annexed to said report on file marked A. All which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted, & thereupon Ordered, that the Mayor Aldermen Odiorne, Child, & Doty with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee B with full powers C to carry said report into effect. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred with the following amendment viz: Strike out from B to C "with full powers" & in lieu thereof to insert "to ascertain & report upon what terms they can" And the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Russell, Lodge, Hastings, Aldan & Wales.

Loring Application of Charles G. Loring to purchase a tract of land, belonging to the City bounded easterly, partly

partly by land of John Hancock & partly by Temple Street; Northerly by School House land and Southerly by L. J. Curtis, Esq. & himself. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Odiorne & Dorr with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs Coolidge, Haskell, Prouty & Goddard.

Petition of Samuel Brigham, & others, Inhabitants lately set off from the town of Brookline and annexed to the City of Boston, on the West Dam, so called, praying that they may be set off as a School district, & have a School house built for them, and a grant of money for the support of a School. Read & committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Odiorne with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Morse, Fitch and Wm. Wright. Brigham

Petition of Henry Rice, & others, praying that a new common sewer be made in Liberty Square. Read and committed to the Mayor to give notice to all persons interested to appear before this Board on Monday next at Seven o'clock, and object to the same if they see fit, by publication in one or more newspapers printed in Boston. Rice. Liberty Square.

Communication of the City Marshal enclosing rules for night Carts and night men, as follows viz.: Rule 1. Every contractor for cleaning vaults in each Ward of the City shall leave a reference where he may be found Night Carts & Night men.

Night Carts

found, or where a Letter ~~shall reach~~ can reach him, at the Health Office; he shall also forthwith leave a certificate signed by a sworn Surveyor of the number of cubic feet each cart he may employ will contain.

2nd. Every cart shall be furnished with a check ticket by the City Marshal. Each Contractor must send the said ticket, whenever his cart shall come into the ~~ticket~~ City at night, by the person who has the care of the same; so that when hailed by the Watchmen the ticket may be by him exhibited. By the check on each ticket the Watchmen can tell whether the night men are in their right ward, or whether any persons are at work who are not regular contractors, and for this purpose each cart shall be furnished with a lighted Lanthorn.

3d. No cart shall pass the line of the City before half past two o'Clock at night, nor remain within it after four in the morning, in the months of May, June, July, August & September, during which period no vault shall be emptied of more than two loads without a special permit from the Mayor, or some person authorized by him, during the months of October, November & April the Carts shall not cross the line before ten o'Clock at night, nor remain within the City after five o'Clock in the morning.

4th. Each night cart shall be made and always kept perfectly tight and be so constructed as not to leak by tilting or going up or down hill, and the men engaged in the work shall execute the same in a neat & orderly manner, with no more noise than is absolutely unavoidable. They shall clean the privies and the yards of the houses and streets adjoining, of all filth produced by emptying the vaults.

5th

5th Every Contractor, either by himself or his agent, shall call at the Health Office, twice every week, especially in the Summer months during the hours from eight o'clock in the morning to two o'clock, or from half past three to five o'clock in the afternoon. 10th.

6th In case of any violation of these Rules it will be the duty of the Mayor to declare the contract of such delinquent Contractor at an end, and give it to another.

4th No Cart shall be allowed to enter the City on Saturday night without a special permit.

Read and accepted, and the same are adopted accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock P. M.

Special meeting.

Wednesday April 6th 1825.

Present The Mayor — Aldermen Odiorne, Child, Dorr and Patterson —

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Wm Wright, Dennis & Frothingham, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to ascertain whether the City may toll or are liable to be called upon to pay any sum already charged to the City for passing the bridge at South Boston, and to report thereon Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor & Alderman Patterson are joined. South Boston Bridge

Petition of Timothy Emerson, Dottings to have a common sewer built in Southmarket Street. Read & committed to the Mayor to give notice to all persons interested Emerson

108. to appear before this board, on Monday next, at ½ o'clock P. M. and object to the same if they see fit. by publication in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Ewer. Washington st.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Charles Ewer, have attended to the ground, examined the premises and ask leave to report. That Washington street at Summer and Winter streets is forty one feet wide, & at Bedford & West streets it is but thirty eight & an half wide, the estates on both sides of Washington street between those points are deep & will without injury to the owners bear cutting off, to widen the street. Your committee recommend that as that part of the street is rebuilt the buildings should be so placed as to leave the street forty two feet wide. On the east side of Mr. Ewers' land says the Committee recommend, that beginning at Bedford street one foot & an half eastwardly of the present line of Washington street & Summer streets as it now is, it being the corner of an ancient brick house, and that Mr. Ewer be restricted to set his contemplated buildings conformable to the new line herein proposed. The street was paved the last year and the side walks judiciously laid out, Mr. Ewer therefore should conform his buildings to the present elevation of the street. All which is respectfully submitted. Jos. M. Dorr

Read & accepted, & thereupon Resolved, That the whole board will attend, in Washington street, between Summer & Bedford streets, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of running the lines, & laying out & widening the same agreeable to said report. The whole board attended & did the same accordingly.

The returns from the several wards, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Senators, were received & examined, & the returns found correct, & allowed, as particularly described & recorded in the records kept for that purpose; and the several returns were signed by the Mayor & a majority of the Aldermen, attested by the City Clerk, sealed up & directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Gov. Lt. Gov. & Senators.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Special meeting.

Thursday April 7th 1825.

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Otis, Quincy, Child, Dove and Patterson.

Ordered, That S. P. Fuller, Surveyor be directed to take a plan of Washington Street from Pleasant Street. Washington Street.

Ball Market is Boylston Market.

Resolved, That the Safety & Convenience of the City require that Washington Street should be widened, on the easterly side thereof, between Summer & Bedford Streets, viz.t to cut off six feet & nine inches on the southerly end of Charles Ewer's land, and seven feet & seven inches at the northerly end thereof, and the same is widened accordingly. Washington Street.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday April 11th 1831.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr, Patterson & Eddy.

Franklin fund

Ordered, That Alderman Odiorne be a Committee to examine the accounts of William Minot, Esq. Treasurer of the Franklin fund.

Dexter Old State house

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Elisha Dexter, to hire Store No 2, in the Old State house; reported, That William Barry, Esq. had hired the two Stores in the West end of the Old State house for a number of years past, & has no wish to relinquish them. The Committee recommend that said Shops with the Cellars under them be let to Mr. Barry until the first day of October 1830, at a rent of thirteen hundred dollars, per annum, for the two Stores aforesaid, and that he agrees to pay all Taxes, that shall be assessed on the same, on condition that should the City wish to pull, or rebuild said houses, Mr. Barry shall be obliged to deliver up said premises to the City, on three months notice. Read & accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

Rice Liberty square

It appearing to this board, that notice has been given to all persons interested, in the premises, on the petition of Henry Rice & others, praying that a new common sewer may be built in Liberty square, agreeable to an order of this board passed on the fourth instant, & no person appearing, thereupon ordered, That the prayer of said petition be granted, & the common sewer constructed under the direction of the Mayor, Aldermen Child & Dorr.

It appearing to this board, that notice has been given to all persons interested in the premises on the petition of Timothy Emerson & others, for a new common sewer in Southack Street, agreeable to an order of this board, passed on the sixth instant, & no person appearing, thereupon Ordered, That the prayer of said petition be granted & the Common Sewer constructed under the direction of the Mayor & Aldermen Accordingly. Emerson & others Southack St.

The committee of Neck lands, reported, that having considered the relations of the land purchased by Mr. Baldwin in connection with the interests of the City, they are of opinion that the land so purchased, be located, so as that the northwesterly line of his purchase shall coincide with the line of the City jurisdiction which separates Boston from Roxbury, conforma bly to a plan presented with said report drawn by Stephen P. Fuller, Esq. dated March 24. 1825. It is understood that Mr. Baldwin is to have the right of a race-way through the flats to low water mark, not exceeding thirty feet wide. A. Josiah Quincy, Chairman Baldwin Neck Lands

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred, with the following amendment, at A insert "Provided that he cause the said sluice way to be properly walled and covered at his own expence whenever it shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor and Aldermen to be done, and the same to keep in repair forever. The City to have the right of entering other sluice ways into the one hereby granted." Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Overseers of Poor

Communication from the Overseers of the Poor, praying, that the City Council would provide a suitable place for that board, to hold their meetings in, as well as to deposit their books & documents after the vacation of the Alms house in Leverett Street.

Read & committed to the Committee of the City Council upon the subject of the transfer of the inmates of the Alms house in Leverett-Street, to South Boston, with authority to accommodate the Overseers of the poor with such room belonging to the City as may be vacant.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Baldwin Neck Lands.

Application of Aaron Baldwin to purchase a small piece of the Neck lands, belonging to the City, situated in Roxbury. Read, & the prayer of the petition granted, and referred to the Committee of the Neck lands to carry the same into execution, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of said land accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Came up non concurred, and the Common Council Ordered, that the subject be referred to the Committee of Neck lands, to consider and report. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Amory.

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jonathan Amory, to purchase a piece of land. Reported, that it is expedient to sell to the said Amory, all the right & title of the City, to a piece of land adjoining said Amory's land on certain Conditions. Read and not accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Communication from the auditor of accounts, inclosing an exhibit of the state of the various specific appropriations, stating that the appropriations for the Health department, and of the House of Industry, would be inadequate to meet the ordinary expenditures in those departments. Read & Sent down. Auditor. Health dep. H. of Industry.

Petition of James H. Bennett, in behalf of the members of Engine No. 4, praying, that the last years premium be allowed said Company, altho' they had not the usual complement of men at the time the return was made to entitle them to the same. Read & committed to Aldermen Dorr & Patterson, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence: came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs. Winslow Wright, Edward Page & Reed. Bennett Engine No. 4.

Resolved, that the whole board will meet in Kilby street, where the late fire took place, for the purpose of considering the expediency of widening the streets; and also of laying out one or more new ones, and that the board will adjourn until tomorrow 3 o'Clock P. M. for that purpose. Kilby street Fire

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Tuesday April 12. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr, and Patterson.

Kilby St. &c. The board proceeded to examine the place of the late fire between Kilby, Broad, State, Central, Doane Streets, and Liberty square in order to devise the best mode of laying out and widening the several streets in and over the same.

Mayor chosen The board afterwards returned to their room, & proceeded to examine the returns from the several wards of the votes given in, on the eleventh instant for Mayor of the City, when it appeared that the whole number of votes was 1891.

Necessary to a choice 946.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, had 1836,

is declared to be duly chosen & elected Mayor of the City of Boston, the year ensuing.

Aldermen chosen The board also proceeded, to examine the returns from the several wards of the votes given in, on the eleventh instant, for Aldermen, and found the whole number of ballots to be 1899.

Necessary to a choice 950.

Messrs. Daniel Baxter had 1609.

Joseph M. Dorr " 1493.

George Blake " 1534.

Redford Webster " 1850.

Thomas Welsh, Junr. " 1516.

Thomas B. Wales " 1834.

Nathaniel P. Russell " 1513

and are declared to be duly elected Aldermen of the City of Boston, the year ensuing.

Ordered, That the City Clerk Mayor & Aldermen. Publish the foregoing in two or more newspapers printed in Boston, for the information of the Inhabitants of the City, and that he notify the Gentlemen elected. Elect &c Notified

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday April 14th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor, Aldermen, Baxter, Odiorne Child, Low & Patterson.

Petition of Ezra Trull, and others, Trull Praying, That some repairs may be made in Chardon Chardon St. Street. Read & committed to Alderman Patterson to consider and report.

Petition of Samuel Swett, & others, praying, That a new Common Sewer, be made in Ridgeway Swett Ridgeway Lane Lane. Read & committed to the Mayor, to give notice to all persons interested to appear before this board, on Monday next, at 4 o'Clock P. M. Object to the same, if they see cause, by publication in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Ordered, That the thanks of the City be given to the several Engine men and Citizens of the several towns in the vicinity who with their Engines and prompt attendance and exertions rendered efficient aid at the late fire. Thanks to Citizens & Neighbouring Towns

On the petition of Ebenezer T. Andrews,

Andrews Washington St. the board reconsider their former vote relative to widening Washington street in front of his land, and that of Charles Ewer and that the width be reduced two feet from the description as recorded on the seventh instant.

Ordered, That the Mayor take into

Prince Savth St. consideration the subject of John Prince's encroachment on the Citys property at the bottom of Savth street.

Aldermen decline Mess.rs Daniel Baxter, Redford Webster, Joseph M. Dorr, Thomas B. Wales and Nathaniel P. Rupell, having declined to act as Aldermen, thereupon

Ward meetings. Ordered, That the City Clerk issue Warrants for a meeting in the several wards on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock at noon for the election of five Aldermen in the place of those Gentlemen who have declined serving. Also to elect all such ward officers as may be wanted to fill vacancies.

Engines Order of the Common Council au-thorizing & requesting the Mayor & Aldermen to procure for the use of the City, two new Engines of the most approved construction, and greatest power; one of which at least to be obtained from Philadelphia, and one Hydraulion with a proper & sufficient quantity of copper riveted hose. Also a suitable quantity of hose for the fire Engines.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Fire Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Goddard, S. K. Williams, Frothingham, Haskell, & William Wright with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report upon the

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eighth resolve reported by the joint Committee appointed on the subject of further protection of the City against fire viz: 8. Resolved, that it is expedient that a new organization of the fire department of this City should be adopted on the principle of distinct & individual responsibility, and for this purpose that a committee be appointed of both branches of the City Council, for the purpose of arranging the details of such an organization, and that they report to the City Council as soon as possible. Came into Concurrence. Read & concurred and the Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, & Patterson are joined.

Petition of Reuben Ramsdell, praying liberty to remove a building & place it upon the southerly side of Poplar street, over the flats. Read & committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Odiorne to consider & report. Ramsdell Poplar st

Communication from William Hill, stating that he is about building on the rear of home occupied by Aaron Hill, Esq. & requesting to know if it be the intention of this board to take any of said land to widen High street. Read & committed to the Mayor, to consider and report. Hill High street.

Communication from Samuel F. Howes Superintendent of burial grounds relative to the burial of paupers from the Alms house at South Boston, & recommending that tombs be built for that purpose. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report. Burial grounds.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'clock P. M.

Monday April 18th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child Dorr and Patterson.

Sivett
Ridgway Lane

It appearing to this board that notice has been given to all persons interested in the premises on the petition of Samuel Sivett, & others, for a new common sewer in Ridgway lane, agreeable to an order of this board passed on the fourteenth instant, and no person appearing to object, thereupon ordered, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and the Common sewer constructed under the direction of the Mayor & Alderman Odiorne.

Hubbard
Howard & Bulfinch Streets.

Petition of John Hubbard, praying that a building now about to be erected at the corner of Howard & Bulfinch Streets may be ordered to be set back, in order to widen said Streets. Read & committed to Aldermen Odiorne and Patterson to consider and report.

Oil

Joseph P. Bradlee and William Lovering Junior's proposals to furnish oil, to light the City. Read & committed to Alderman Dorr to consider & report — who reported, that the proposition made by said Lovering is the lowest, as it is understood, he intends to deliver the oil the same as he did the last year, without any addition for drawing. Read & accepted, & thereupon resolved, That the board do accept said Lovering's proposal to supply the City with from three to four thousand gallons of Summer Spermaceti oil, at sixty two cents per gallon, and two to three thousand

gallons

gallons winter pressed Spermaceti oil at Seventy cents per gallon, to be delivered to the Lamp Lighters, monthly, in such quantities as may be wanted, for lighting the City; payment to be made said Lowering, monthly for the same.

Communication from the City Marshal being read, Ordered, That Reuben Wheeler Innholder, be notified to appear before this board, on monday next, seven o'clock P M. to shew cause, if any he have, why his said license should not be revoked, for an alleged violation of the license law, by no longer carrying on the business of an Innholder. Wheeler

The committee appointed to settle the account of the Franklin fund, with the Treasurer, William Minot Esq. reported, that they had examined the vouchers thereof, and find it correct, as on file. Read & accepted & ordered accordingly. Franklin fund

The committee to whom was referred the demand of Edward Shales, for land taken to straighten Pleasant street — reported, that he will be entitled to an adequate compensation so soon as he shall have put said land into the street, and laid a good side walk for the accommodation of the public. his demand they think too high, and they recommend that it be referred to the next board of Aldermen to appraise the land & settle the damages. Read & accepted & ordered accordingly. Shales Pleasant St.

The committee appointed on the petition of Ezra Teuill, & others, to have Chandler street paved; reported in favor of the same. Read & accepted, & referred to the next board. Teuill Chandler St.

Ramsdell Poplar St

The committee upon the petition of Reuben Ramsdell, for liberty to remove a building upon the northerly side of Poplar street over the flats, reported, that there will be no objection, if the land be filled up solid, and that the line of the street be maintained by his buildings. Read and accepted.

Overseers of Poor

The committee upon the memorial of the Overseers of the Poor, reported, that they have assigned to said Overseers the South east Chamber of the second floor in Faneuil Hall, lately occupied by the Selectmen. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Chamber St.

Ordered, that Mary Hawes, John Redman, and the heirs of Shadrack Battuke, be notified to appear before this board, on Monday next, at seven o'clock, P. M. to shew cause, if any they have, why they should not be apposed according to law, for the privilege of entering their drains into the Common sewer in Chamber street.

Walker

The committee to whom was referred the demand of Ezra Walker, for filling up the cellar & part of his old house now taken into the street, have attended to the assigned duty and ask leave to report, that it does not appear that Mr. Walker was ever authorized to make this expenditure by any member of this board. Your committee however have no doubt this work was well done by order of Mr. Walker, & there is no objection to paying him therefor, as soon, but not before he shall have laid good & sufficient side

walks

Walks on those sides of his said estate where they were removed, at the time his new building was erected on a site back of the old house. All which is respectfully submitted.

Daniel Baxter, Jun. order.

Read & accepted.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of widening Boylston Street, in front of the estate of Benjamin M. Nevers, reported, that it is expedient, and the same has been done. Read & accepted. Nevers Boylston St.

Upon the application of Timothy Fuller to remove his work shop, the committee reported that said Fuller has removed said shop, and they think partly upon the sixteen feet passage way which leads from Washington to Front street. Read. Committee to the Mayor, to give notice to said Fuller, that if said shop shall not be removed in ten days, to cause it to be cut off. Fuller Front St.

The joint committee of the City Council to whom was referred the petition of Henry B. Curtis, and others, to purchase a piece of land on Front street - reported, that they have examined the piece of land in question, which belongs to the City, lying between said Curtis' wharf and South Boston bridge, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient for the City to dispose of said strip of land. Read & accepted. Send down for concurrence. Curtis Front St.

Came up Concurred.

The joint committee appointed on the eighth of June last, to inspect the Sea wall at South Boston, and ascertain what repairs ought to be made; So. Boston Sea wall.

Reported

Reported, that they find no record of the acceptance of any street running northeastwardly from the end of South Boston bridge on the South Boston side, to the sea wall round to the Glass House. The Committee do not see that the City has any exclusive jurisdiction over said streets round by the sea wall, or that they are in duty bound to keep them in repair. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Smith. The committee to whom the petition of Ebenezer Smith was referred, report, that it is not expedient for the City to sell said two lots of land, or either of them, at present, and that it is not expedient for the City to exchange with said Smith the point of land mentioned in his petition. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Kingsbury DockSquare. Petition of Jesse Kingsbury, relative to the sale of a lot of land belonging to him on Dock Square and praying that the City would make him some additional compensation in consequence of changing the location of a certain street. Read & committed to the committee on the subject of the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Baldwin Neck lands. The committee of Neck lands to whom was referred the application of Aaron Baldwin for the purchase of a parcel of marsh and flats, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report, that the marsh and flats which Mr. Baldwin has now applied for, lies in the town of Roxbury, & adjoins the parcel which he has recently purchased of the

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City & upon which he is now about to erect works for various kinds of machinery, to be put into operation by the adjoining water power. There are various opinions with respect to the nature & extent of this water power which belongs to the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation; when Mr. Baldwin's establishment is put into operation this water power will be tested, & if it is found to be sufficient, it will give a value to a great quantity of marsh & flats belonging to the City, which would otherwise be worth but a mere trifle. Your committee are therefore of opinion & they recommend to the City Council to make no more sales of marsh & flats, adjoining said water power, until the works now erecting by Mr. Baldwin are put into operation, when their real value can be more readily ascertained.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The committee to whom was referred Alger the report and contract on the applications of Cyrus Alger, to gas lights the City Lamps, with gas, reported, that they have concluded with said Alger on the terms of a contract which are specified & stated in the documents on file marked A, & report the same for the consideration & sanction of the City Council. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence

1843. In Common Council. Referred to next City Council.

The committee appointed at a gener- Overseers of
al meeting of the Citizens held at Faneuil Hall, on the Poor.
sixteenth day of December, last, in consequence of a proposi
tion by the City Council for authority from the Inhabitants

to

to apply to the Legislature for an act investing said City Council with the care & oversight of the poor of the City, & to elect annually twelve overseers, subject to the general superintendence, authority & direction of the City Council, — made a report together with the following vote viz:

Voted, that the Secretary of the Committee be requested to notify the Mayor & Aldermen, that the committee on the subject committed to them, at a general meeting of the Citizens December 16. 1824, and to request them to publish the same. Read & committed to the Mayor & Alderman Child, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

In C. C. — Nonconcurred in the Common Council.

Removal of Paupers from Alms house to South Boston —

The committee of the City Council charged with the transfer of the inmates of the Alms house to South Boston, respectfully report, That they have effected the object of their appointment. All the inmates have been transferred, except those, who chose to take their discharge. The house has been completely cleared of its moveables & possession has been this day delivered to the purchasers conformably to the stipulations of the City in its contract.

It appears by the document marked A, received from the Overseers of the poor, that there were in the Alms house on the twenty fifth of March last 110 males, and 171 females making a total of 281 of these, it also appears by that document, eighty seven were marked as sick. It appears by a statement marked B, received from the Superintendent of the house of Industry, that there have been transferred from the Alms house only two hundred

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and nine of which only fifteen were sick. It appears also that there were in the House of Industry anticedent to the above transfer seventy two inmates making the present number in that establishment a total of two hundred & eighty one. The committee visited the establishment at South Boston this day, for the purpose of examining into the state of the house, & the condition of the inmates, & they have great satisfaction in reporting to the City Council, that in every respect the result has fulfilled the utmost expectations of the friends of that establishment.

Your committee examined personally into the content of the inmates with their new situation, & found one uniform expression of satisfaction. And particularly your committee made enquiry of the most aged, & most respectable females, & those whose comfort & accommodation seemed the most worthy to be considered; & they found among them all, one uniform expression of thankfulness at their new situation, gratification at their treatment; & no other regret than that their transfer had been so long delayed. After the great difficulties which the City Council have had to encounter in effecting this transfer, it cannot but occasion them a very sensible pleasure to find all their schemes for ameliorating the condition of the poor, crowned with such complete success. Your committee also have no doubt that by a firm & prudent management of that establishment on the principles & with the auspices under which it has commenced that it will prove a great blessing to the poor, & while it ameliorates the condition & adds to the happiness of the respectable part, if it will make those of a contrary character contribute to

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Alms house.

Alms House

the support of the institution, & relieve the City from those heavy pecuniary burdens, to which, on this account it has been so long subjected. As it was necessary that the Alms house should be vacated as soon as possible, for the purpose of enabling the City to comply with its engagements to the purchasers; and Mr. Phillips the late master having in compliance with their wishes, immediately provided himself with a house & removed his family into it, & thereby incurred some expense, your Committee have thought it reasonable that he should have some remuneration. And as his salary will continue unto the end of the municipal year, they have recommended for him to receive an additional allowance equal to the amount of one quarter's salary. For similar general reasons your Committee have thought it expedient to recommend that Mrs. Christiana Shaw late the principal female superintendent of the Alms house (her services not being required at South Boston) should receive a similar allowance. Your Committee therefore subjoin a resolution embracing both these objects, which they recommend for the adoption of the City Council. The only additional building which seems requisite at South Boston is a small one for the separate accommodation of the blacks, & other colored people. The surplus timber & boards which remain from those procured for the house of Correction, together with extra window frames & doors owned by the City will greatly contribute to the economy & facilitate the progress of the building. Your Committee having caused a plan for the building to be made, & the necessary estimates have ascertained that an appropriation of sixteen hundred dollars will

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be amply sufficient for that purpose; Has they are unanimously of opinion that no delay ought to occur in its construction, they have herewith presented another resolution for that object. All which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Ordered, that there be paid to James Phillips, Esq. late Master of the Alms house in Leverett Street, the sum of two hundred fifty dollars; and to Christiana Shaw, the sum of sixty seven dollars and fifty cents; as an allowance for extra services & expences occuring on account of removing and vacating that establishment. Master & Matron of Alms house

Resolved, that the Directors of the house of Industry be, & they hereby are authorized & requested forthwith to cause a suitable building to be erected at South Boston for the accommodation of blacks, & other coloured people; & that the sum of sixteen hundred dollars be & hereby is appropriated for that purpose. Accepted & passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrance. Read and concurred. House for blacks.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday April 21st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The Mayor — Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Dorr & Patterson.

Communication was received from Samuel Hubbard Esq. Guardian to Thomas Hancock, a person non compos mentis, and John Lowell Rogers, Esq. Administrator de bonis non of the estate of Ebenezer Hancock, Esq. deceased, stating that they Hancock's estate

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had presented petitions to the Supreme Judicial Court, praying that Commissioners may be appointed under the statute for the extension of Faneuil Hall market to ascertain what compensation shall be made to said E Thomas, & the estate of said Ebenezer for a piece of land & store thereon taken by the City. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to agree to the same, & agree on behalf of the City that Commissioners be appointed accordingly.

Cor. Sons of Patterson

Ordered, that Aldermen Dorr and Patterson be authorized to erect a building on the Mill pond land, to be used as a far house &c.

Reservoirs

Resolve of the Common Council requesting the Mayor and Aldermen forthwith to erect four Reservoirs of sufficient Capacity to contain from twenty five to fifty thousand gallons of water to be built of bricks laid in Roman Cement, or of stone boxed with clay; one to be placed in Liberty Square; one to be placed in Broad Street; one to be placed in India Street, & one in Union street square.

Also that the Mayor & Aldermen be requested to place in North & South Market streets, one Reservoir in each; in the course of their completion of a capacity sufficient to contain from twenty five to fifty thousand gallons. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

House of Industry Door

Order of the Common Council directing the Directors of the House of Industry to consider what grant of money may be required for the relief & support of

of the poor, within the House of Industry, and House of Correction, for the ensuing year; including every charge for regulation, medicine, clothing, provision, fuel, & other items, exclusive of the produce of the lands, & industry of the inmates of said house at South Boston, & the receipts from other towns, for relief of their poor, & to report in full to the City Council as early in June next, as may be convenient, in order that adequate funds may be provided in the City Treasury. Came up for concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

Order, of the Common Council requesting the board of Overseers of the poor newly elected, in the months of May next, to review the list of persons to whom allowance is made by the board jointly, in quarterly provisions towards their relief & maintenance, & to consider whether a gradual reduction may be effected in a course of years by adding no new names to said list, & to form an estimate of the probable amount, which for the next current year, may be needed by the several members of said board in distribution among the poor of their respective wards, as their wants may occasionally be made known, exclusive of such trust funds, as are held by said board as a Corporation, & to make report to the City Council, as early in June next, as may be convenient on these subjects, & on any other incidental charges which may be incumbent on said board to provide for, in order that adequate funds may be provided in the City Treasury. Overseers of Poor

Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Hubbard
Howard St

The committee to whom was referred the application of John Hubbard in relation to Howard street, report, That the owner of the building "going up" on the south side of Howard street, East side of Bulfinch street has set his building back two feet on the latter, & nine inches back on the former street thereby giving to the City not less than one hundred & thirty feet of land, for which he claims nothing. And he has so accommodated his building as to bring it upon the line of both streets taking their whole length into view. Your committee have therefore deemed it inexpedient to place his lines back any further. All which is respectfully submitted. Geo. Odiorne, for the Com.

Read & accepted.

Atkins
High Street

Upon the petition of Benjamin Atkins for compensation for land taken to widen High street. Ordered, That in consequence of the diminished depth of his lot, that he be paid one dollar & twenty five cents per square foot.

Hayden
Hanover St.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Daniel Hayden to have the stone steps on the south walk in front of the houses of Messrs Grammar and Revere, in Hanover street, removed, report, That your committee have caused an estimate to be made of the whole expense of removing said steps & making a recess of both doors into the buildings, & find that the cost of said removal would amount to seventy dollars. And your committee recommend, that, whenever the owners shall cause the said steps to be removed, & the side walks laid in good repair, the City pay to said Grammar & Revere the sum of twenty five dollars each. All which is respectfully submitted. Enoch Patterson.

Read & accepted.

Application of Ob. Plimpton for a license to give a Concert at Panthean Hall, on Wednesday evening next. Granted without any charge for the same. 131. Plimpton Concert.

The Board proceeded to examine the returns from the several wards of the votes given in on the twentieth instant for five persons to complete the Board of Aldermen. Whole number of Ballots to be 600
Necessary to a choice 301. Aldermen.

Whole No.	John Bryant had	546
	Daniel Parmey "	539
	John Bellows "	534
	Josiah Marshall "	533
	John D. Dyer "	389

and are declared to be duly elected Aldermen of the City of Boston for the year ensuing.

Ordered, That the City Clerk publish the foregoing in two or more newspapers printed in Boston, for the information of the City, and that he notify the Gentlemen elected.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday April 25th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The Mayor. Aldermen Baxter, Odiorne, Child, Dorr and Patterson.

Petition of Edward Thaxter, Guardian of Frederick, Ann Ann Nickerson praying that the boundary lines between the land of his said Wards, & that of the City on North Thaxter N. Margin &

Margin

Margin Street, Prince & Thacher Streets, Read & committed to Aldermen Dorr & Patterson, to consider & report.

Winter Street. The committee appointed to determine the width & elevation of the side walk on the south side of Winter Street reported, that they had attended to the subject & given directions accordingly. Read & accepted.

Wheeler Reuben Wheeler having been notified to appear at this time & show cause, if any he had, why his license as an Innholder should not be revoked, for an alleged violation of the license law. The said Wheeler appears & acknowledges the truth of the allegations, & that he had sold out his establishment, & no longer carried on the business of an Innholder; Thereupon resolved, That the said Reuben Wheeler's license be & the same is hereby revoked.

Ayling Application of Mr. Ostinelli in behalf of Miss Ayling, for a concert at Boylston Hall, tomorrow evening. Read & the prayer thereof granted.

Boston Concord Boating Co. Communication from Richard Sullivan Esq. in behalf of the Boston Concord Boating Company with a claim against the City of five hundred dollars, for removing buildings from Charlestown Causeway Street. Read and referred to the Mayor, to consider & report.

Hallbrook Merriman St. The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Hallbrook & others, for a drain in Merriman Street; respectfully, That in the opinion of your committee it is expedient & proper that the petitioners should have drains from their new houses erecting on Merriman Street, the most proper & convenient place seems to be, to run from said houses east-

wardly

wardly on the northwardly side of Merrimac street outside of the Macadamized path way to the Common sewer leading from Portland street, to the Mill Creek, near the southwesterly corner of the City lot called "Market". The petitioners on entering said Common sewer to pay a reasonable compensation therefor. J. W. Dorr. Jr Ordr.

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Taylor, on the subject of his title to flats extending northerly from North Allen street & Brighton street. Reported, that the subject be referred to the next City Council. Taylor

Read & accepted.

Report of the committee on the petition of James W. Bennett in behalf of Engine company No. 4. Then recommend that the usual allowance be paid to said Engine company, notwithstanding their breach of the City ordinance in not having their full complement of men. Bennett Engine 4.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The committee appointed to ascertain whether the City may toll, or are liable to be called upon to pay any sum already charged to the City for passing the bridge to South Boston. Reported, that it is inexpedient to take any measures on that subject. Read and accepted. So. Boston Bridge.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Ordered, that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in behalf of the City, to execute a deed with warranty, to John Bryant, Jethro, or their assigns of all that estate called the Alms house estate, bounded southeasterly Alms house Estate.

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on Cark lane, now called Minot Street, & running at right angles with Leverett Street, to low water mark, with all the marland & flats lying westerly, northerly & easterly between said bounds, & the line of low water mark, pursuant to the agreement of the joint committee charged with the sale of said estate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Kingsbury

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Kingsbury, for additional compensation for land sold to the City, for reasons set forth in said petition. Reported, that said Kingsbury has no claim to any additional price for his land. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Faneuil Hall Market

The committee on the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, made a report, stating the amount paid for land purchased and for laying out streets, for the accommodation of said Market. the amount received for land sold for store lots in said streets, and specifying the amount yet to be paid for estates not yet obtained or settled for; and also the amount of estates which will be on hand for sale, after the purchases are thus completed.

Read & sent down.

Parker Front Street

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Luther Parker, for leave to dig & lay a sewer or drain as low as the original flats across Front street, reported, that said Parker be allowed to open a drain into the Kneeland street common sewer, by paying the proprietors a fair proportion, & that he by no means ought to be allowed to break up & dig across Front Street. Read & accepted.

Communication from Wm B. B. Wisner & others, a committee of the Boston Female Society for missionary purposes, requesting aid for the establishment of a school for indigent females. Read & sent down. Wisner

Adjourned to Friday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Friday April 29th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The Mayor, Aldermen Baxter, Otis, Child, Dorr and Patterson.

Upon the Petition of Samuel Appleton & others, praying liberty to cut off a drain or common sewer running under their stores in Central and Kilby streets. Read and the prayer there of granted, upon condition that the Petitioners lay a good wooden common sewer similar to that laid in Kilby Street, near Waterston Pray & Co's stores, and enter into said sewer all the private drains, & repair the paving, under the direction, and with the approbation of the Mayor & Aldermen, and when so done the City will accept the same. Appleton & others Central & Kilby streets.

The committee of the Common Council to whom was referred so much of the report of a joint committee of the City Council as relates to the obtaining a copy of the portraits of Governor Samuel Adams, from the pencil of Wm Stewart, and who were also charged to consider and report on the propriety and expediency of obtaining a portrait of the late Governor Samuel Adams, and of a series of other patriots of Boston, distinguished by their services in asserting the rights Boards of Samuel Adams and other Patriots.

Portraits

rights of freemen from 1763 to 1775, which led to the contest between Great Britain and her then Colonies and terminated in the Independence of these United States — made a report, accompanied with the following orders viz:

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to take measures to ascertain and report to the City Council, if any portraits, and which of several portraits may be the best, can be obtained for the use of this City, in taking a copy thereof, of the several distinguished Patriots hereafter named, to wit, Samuel Adams, late Governor of this Commonwealth; John Adams, late President of the United States; James Bowdoin, late Governor of this Commonwealth; Doctor Benjamin Franklin; John Hancock, late Governor of this Commonwealth; James Otis, Junior, Josiah Quincy, Junior, and Major General Joseph Warren, a large portion of whose lives was spent in the service of their Country, and whose labours redound so much to the honour and profit of this City.

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to employ the best artist in taking a copy for the use of the City of the best portrait that may be procured of each of the distinguished patriots named in the foregoing order, in the order therein mentioned, as soon as may be.

The foregoing report was accepted, in the Common Council and the orders passed by a unanimous vote.

Came up for concurrence. Read and Concurred, by a unanimous vote.

directing that the sum of eight hundred dollars be added Appropriation
to the appropriation for the Health department and that the Health department
sum of four hundred dollars be added to the appropriation House of Industry.
for the House of Industry, and that the unexpended balance
of the appropriation for the purpose of land and erection of
a new School house in lieu of the Franklin School house
be applied to these two objects so far as the same ex
tends.

Came up in concurrence.

Read & concurred.

The committee appointed at a gen Overseers
eral meeting of the Citizens held at Faneuil Hall, on the
sixteenth day of December last, on the subject of the Overseers Poor
of the Poor, filed a report of their doings, and requested that
the Mayor and Aldermen would cause the same to be print
ed. Read and thereupon ordered, that the same be pub
lished in one or more newspapers, printed in Boston, & that
a warrant be issued for a general meeting of the Citizens to
be held at Faneuil Hall, on Thursday the nineteenth day
of May, next, at ten o'clock A. M. for the purpose of
receiving and acting upon the same.

The committee on the subject of extend North Margin
ing North Margin street through to Hillman Street, reported, that Street.
the further consideration of the subject be referred to the next
board of Aldermen. Read & accepted, & ordered accordingly.

The committee on the memorial of Wm Phillips
Phillips, & others, relative to the subject of prohibiting guns being from Guns
fired on the Common, reported, that the subject is referred to the new
City Council. Read & accepted, & ordered accordingly.

Thaxter Prince and Thacher St.

Upon the petition of Edward Thaxter Guardian of Frederick and Lucy Ann Nickerson relative to a piece of land on Prince and Thacher streets — Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to execute a quit claim deed mentioned in said report, and on receiving a quit claim from the above mentioned heirs to deliver the said quit claim of the City, and to pay the amount specified in said report viz: Three hundred and seventy five dollars to the heirs, and for this purpose to draw on the Treasurer for such amount. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mesage from Com: Council

The Hon. M. Rupell came up with a mesage from the Common Council to inform the Mayor & Aldermen, That the Council had finished all the business which they had before them, and if nothing further should be communicated they should adjourn without day.

Mesage to Com: Council

The Hon. Mr. Odiorne was charged with a mesage to acquaint the Common Council, that the Mayor and Aldermen had nothing further to communicate for their consideration.

Ordered, that all matters not acted upon be referred to the next board of Aldermen.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,
Samuel F. McCleary, City Clerk

May 2nd. 1825.

This being the day (the first being Sunday) appointed by the act establishing the City of Boston, for the organization of the City government. The following Gentlemen together with the members of the Common Council appeared in the Hall of the Common Council room, and took their seats viz:

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Daniel Gurney	George Blake
John Bellows	John D. Dyer
Josiah Marshall	John Bryant
Thomas Welsh, Jun. Esquires	Henry J. Oliver, Esq.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Reverend John Sylvester John Gardiner, D. D.

The Honorable Levi Lincoln, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, administered the several oaths required by law to the Mayor. Mayor sworn

The Mayor afterwards administered the like oaths to the Aldermen, and afterwards to the members of the Common Council. He then addressed the members of the City Council. City Council members sworn

After which the Mayor and Aldermen retired to their own room.

Mr. Coolidge came up with a message from the Common Council to inform the Board of Aldermen, that they had elected Francis J. Oliver, Esq. for their President, & Thomas Clark, Esq. for their Clerk. President of Com. Council

Alderman Welsh was charged with a message to the Common Council to propose a convention forthwith of

of both boards for the purpose of electing a City Clerk.

Convention to elect City Clerk

Mr. Goddard came up with a message from the Common Council, to inform the board of Aldermen, that they concur in the proposition to form a Convention of the two boards to meet forthwith in the Common Council room, for the purpose of electing a City Clerk.

In Convention.

City Clerk chosen.

Pursuantly to assignment the two boards met in Convention in the Common Council room, for the purpose of electing a City Clerk. Messrs. Savage, Hallet, Boies, J. Parker and J. Simonds were appointed a Committee, to receive, sort & count the votes for a City Clerk, who reported that the whole number of votes was fifty, all of which were for Samuel F. McCleary, Esq. He was chosen.

The oath of office was administered to him by the Mayor.

The business of the Convention being accomplished, the two boards seharated.

Fire protection of City against.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen Blake, Bellows, Welsh and Otis, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to Consider & report upon the eighth resolve, referred by a joint Committee on the subject of further protection of the City against fire. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Parker, Willis, Rice, Dyer, Fisher, Wells & Ellis.

Faneuil Hall Market

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen Blake, Marshall & Bryant with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee upon the subject of the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, with authority to carry into effect the resolutions passed by the two last City Councils with all the powers & authorities & subject to all the limitations

thereon provided & expressed. Sent down for concurrence
Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part,
Whp. The President; Coolidge, Curtis, Williams, Hastings, Dix,
& Davis.

Mr. Williams came up with a message from the Common Council proposing a Convention of the two Branches of the City Council forthwith, for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives, that it will be expedient for the City to send to the next General Court. Convention proposed.

Alderman Oliver was charged with a message to inform the Common Council, that the board of Aldermen agree to form a Convention forthwith in the Common Council room, for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives as above expressed. Agreed to

In Convention

Agreeable to assignment a Convention of the City Council was formed, for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives it may be expedient for the City to send to the next General Court. The question being taken it was determined that the number should be twenty. Representatives

Number of

The business of the Convention being accomplished the two boards separated.

Ordered, that warrants be issued for meetings of the Citizens of the several wards on Tuesday the tenth day of May instant, at 12 o'Clock M. for the choice of Representatives, the poll to be kept open until 3 o'Clock P. M. And that there be inserted in the warrants, that all such Ward officers as may be required to fill vacancies be elected at the same time.

Ordered, that the City be divided into four districts as follows viz:

1114. 1st District Wards No. 1, 2 & 3, Aldermen Dyer & Oliver,
2nd " " " 4, 8 & 9, " Blake & Marshall,
3rd " " " 5, 6 & 7, " Bryant & Welsh.
4th " " " 10, 11 & 12 " Carney & Bellows.

for the purpose of attending to the several streets, lanes, alleys, & public places within those districts.

Mall & Common. Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Carney, Bryant, Welsh, & Dyer, be a Committee upon the Mall & Common.

State House Wall. Ordered, that Aldermen Bryant, & Welsh be a Committee upon the subject of repairing the wall of the State House, with instructions to report.

Assessors. Order of the Common Council directing the City Clerk to give notice, that all persons wishing to be considered candidates for the office of permanent assessors be requested to present written applications therefor on or before 12 o'Clock, on Friday next. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Superintendant Work & Labour. Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Blake, Bellows, Bryant & Welsh, be a Committee to consider & report upon the subject of superintending the work & labour to be done & performed for the City.

Mayor's address. Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Morse, Perkins, & Bent with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to wait upon the Mayor, & present to him the thanks of the City Council for his address this day made, & to request a copy for the press. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Bellows & Welsh are joined.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Tuesday May 3rd. 1825.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Blake, Marshall, Bryant & Welsh.

Aldermen Bryant & Welsh having represented to the board, that the heirs of Daniel D. Rogers, Esquire, deceased, have taken down their wall fronting on Summer street in a line from their new houses on said street southwesterly to Park & Beacon streets, & that Summer street opposite the westerly front of said new houses is forty feet wide, or thereabouts, & whereas at the intersection of Summer & Beacon streets, it is only thirty eight feet, & that in their opinion Summer street should be widened, so as to make it of an uniform width from said new houses to Beacon street. Summer street.

Thereupon ordered, that the heirs of said Rogers, and the Executors of his last will & testament be notified to appear before this board on thursday next 7 o'clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why said street should not be widened as above expressed.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'clock P. M.

Thursday May 5th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present— The whole board except Alderman Blake.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Frothingham, Ware & Vose with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to be called the Committee on Neck lands, whose duty it shall be to superintend Neck lands

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said lands, & to cause such improvements & repairs to be made thereon, as they may think necessary; to rent them; & in case of application for the purchase of any part of them to fix a price, & report the same to the City Council, for their approbation. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor & Alderman Carney are joined.

Snelling Salem Street

Petition of Nathaniel G. Snelling, in behalf of the heirs of Josiah Snelling, for compensation for land taken to widen Salem street. Read & committed to Aldermen Tyler & Oliver, to consider & report.

Streets

Communication from the City Marshal representing that certain streets at the westerly part of the City have not been accepted, as he believes, by the town or City. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider & report.

Jennison Streets

Petition of Timothy L. Jennison, praying that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the location of certain streets at the westerly part of the City may be ascertained. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider & report.

Hospital for Small Pox.

Communication from the Health Commissioner stating that a new Hospital house is necessary to be erected on Hospital Island for the accommodation of small pox subjects. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Carney & Bellows to consider & report.

Minot Beacon street Well

Petition of William Minot, & others, proprietors of a well in Beacon street, praying that the pump may be removed & the water carried to it by suction, to the bottom of the street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh with instructions to remove the same, the proprietors paying the expense

Petition of Nathaniel K. Sturgis, praying leave to erect arches under the side walks at the corner of Central and Broad streets, for the accommodation of the store that he is now erecting. Read & the prayer that granted, he said Sturgis complying with the rules of the City Council in that respect, & having therefor, prior to erecting the same. Sturgis

Communication from the Overseers of the Poor, stating that the members had met, Organized, & chosen Thomas Badger, Esq. for their Chairman; & are now ready to take the oversight, care & government of any suitable house that may be provided by the City, for the accommodation of the poor & distressed, that may have claims on them, in their said Capacity, for relief; & requesting that a house be assigned for said purpose, Read & committed to the Mayor, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs. Savage, Williams, Thacher & Elliot. Overseers of Poor.

Petition of Joseph Woodward, & others, Inhabitants of South Boston, praying for a free & convenient communication with their fellow citizens of the elder part of the City, agreeable to the act of the Legislature authorizing a free bridge to South Boston. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Carney, Blake, Bellows & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs. Parry, Goddard, Mallet, Willis, T. Dexter, Jr. Simonds & Donnelly. Woodward, & others, S. Boston Bridge.

The committee appointed to consider & report upon the subject of superintending the work & labour, to be done & performed for the City, reported the following order, viz.: City work.

Ordered,

148. Ordered, that whenever in the opinion of the Committee of any district any special oversight or superintendance of any work to be done for the Cety, shall be requisite, it shall be their duty to state the circumstances to the board of Aldermen, together with the name of the person they propose for that service, & the rate of Compensation at which he can be obtained, for its sanction & approbation. Read & accepted, & ordered accordingly.

Hancock, Temple Street. Petition of William Mind, in behalf of John Hancock, for compensation for land taken for the purpose of extending Temple street through to Summer street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report.

Rogers Bracon Street. It appearing to this board that the executors of the last will & testament of Daniel D. Rogers, Esq. deceased, viz: Henry B. Rogers & John Rogers, also his heirs viz. the said Henry & John, together with John S. Slade, his wife, and Hannah Rogers have been duly notified to appear at this time & shew cause if any they have why Summer street should not be widened agreeable to an order passed the third instant. Mr. Rogers accordingly appeared, & after a hearing upon the subject and mature deliberation it is thereupon resolved, that the whole board will meet in Bracon street in front of the premises tomorrow morning at 8 o'Clock, for the purpose of viewing the same.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Friday May 6th. 1825.

Present — The whole board except Alderman Blake.

The board met near the house of Daniel D.

Rogers

Rogers, Esq. decease in Beacon street, & viewed that street & Summer street as well as said Rogers' premises, & adjourned to 3 o'Clock this afternoon;

Afternoon

Met according to adjournment.

On the petition of Rice & Allen, & others, pro- Rice prietors of a common sewer in Chamber street Mawes, Chamber street the heirs of Shadrack Shattuck & John Redman, had entered their several drains into said common sewer, & praying that they may be assessed according to law. Read & thereupon ordered; that the Petitioners notify the said Mawes, Redman & the heirs of Shadrack Shattuck to appear before this board on Monday next, at 7 o'Clock P. M. then & there to shew cause if any they have, why they should not be assessed according to law, for the privilege aforesaid;

Gentlemen of the City Council, Mayor's

I have the Message honor to transmit for your information copies of all the letters Georges & Lovell's which have passed between the Secretary of War of the United States, Islands. & the Hon. James Lloyd, Senator in Congress from Massachusetts, & between both those gentlemen, & this office, relative to the appropriation made by Congress, & its application to the preservation of the Islands in this harbour.

The letter marked G from the Secretary of War states the result of this correspondence. It cannot fail to gratify the City Council to perceive the promptitude, judgment & liberality with which this great interest of our City is to be pursued under the auspices of the head of that department; & will, I cannot doubt, that the kind disposition evidenced & expressed by him will be reciprocated by them with corres-

ponding

George & Lovell's Islands.

Read & thereupon

Resolved, That the arrangements made by the Hon. James Barbour, Secretary of War, relative to the appropriation made by Congress for the preservation of the Islands in Boston harbour, as communicated in his letter to the Mayor of this City of the 28th of April last, meet the entire approbation of the City Council; & that they receive with great respect and sensibility the evidence of the prompt, intelligent & liberal spirit, in which those arrangements have been made & are proposed to be executed.

Resolved, That the Mayor of this City be and he hereby is authorized, on the payment of Six Thousand dollars, to transfer to the United States, the title this City has acquired to George & Lovell's Islands, with full warranty.

Resolved, that the Mayor of this City be & he hereby is authorized to transfer to the United States, whenever they may require it, the fee of so much of Deer Island as may be covered by any works, which may be erected for the preservation of the same, against tempests, & the ravages of the Ocean.

Resolved, that the Mayor of this City, be & he hereby is authorized to apply in the name of the City Council to the Legislature of this State, for an act ceding the jurisdiction of George's & Lovell's Islands to the United States, to take effect whenever the Congress of the United States shall by an act, see fit to accept the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred

Mr. E. Williams came up with Messrs. Benjamin Willis, Josiah Bradlee & Thomas Wiley, members of the Common Council, & they were duly qualified by taking the several oaths & declarations required by the Constitution & Laws, before the Mayor. Members of Common Council qualified.

Petition of Mersey Bates, to have the line of Belknap street determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider & report. Bates Belknap street.

Petition of Franklin Dexter in behalf of Messrs. Hinckley & Ellis, to have an arbitrator appointed to settle the amount of damages for land taken into Blossom street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider and report. Hinckley Blossom street.

Ordered, that the Committee on the common and Mall be instructed to consider the subject of building a new Gun house, & if deemed expedient to report an estimate of the probable amount of the expense, & suitable place for the same. Gun House.

Also that said Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of reducing the Southerly hill on the Common, & filling up the marsh, & if deemed expedient to report the probable expense of the same. Common hill on

Ordered, that Noah James, Ira Adams & Bement Ford be & hereby are appointed Haywards, Hogreeves & field drivers. And that Thomas Hammond & Bement Ford be & hereby are appointed pound keepers. Hogreeves &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Petition of Lewis Tappan Agent of the Proprietors of estates near Federal & Summer streets, praying that three disinterested persons be appointed to asses the damage or value of the land taken to widen Federal & High streets. Read & the prayer thereof not granted, & this board does hereby confirm the doings of Tappan Federal & Summer Streets.

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the last board of Aldermen, they deeming that one dollar & an eighth is a fair & just compensation for the land so taken to widen said streets.

Griggs

Petition of John Griggs to purchase a piece of land for a passage way on the north east side of the lot lately purchased of Joshua Davis, Esq. on Washington Street. Read in the Common Council, & committed to the Committee on the subject of erecting a School house, in lieu of the Franklin School house, to consider & report.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee with full powers to settle the limits of the basin formed by the Mill dam of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation & the respective rights of said Corporation and the City to the flats & water rights, agreeable to the report of the Committee accepted by the City Council on the twenty fourth day of January, last. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Williams, Barry, F. Dexter & Lodge.

(Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P.M.)

Monday May 9th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board.

Orator 4th July

The board made choice of Charles Sprague, Esq. to pronounce the oration on the anniversary of Independence. And that the Mayor be requested to notify him thereof.

Ordered, That Aldermen Blake, Welsh & Kiver, be a committee to take into consideration the report of the committee made to the last City Council, on the rights and powers of the School committee; & the duty of the City Council in providing for the compensation of instructors, erecting School houses & prescribing rules for government & instruction of Schools in this City, according to the laws of this Commonwealth. — School Committee.

Order of the Common Council appointing Mess^rs Williams, Savage & Fisher, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report upon the expediency of erecting a School house in Ward No. 12, in lieu of the Franklin School houses or otherwise, in which there shall be a suitable room for the meetings of the Inhabitants of said Ward. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Carney & Bellows are joined. — School house Ward No. 12.

Order of the Common Council committing the petition of John Bray, & others, for an additional story to be built to the Eliot School house, for the accommodation of the meetings of the Inhabitants of Ward No. 1. to Mess^rs Barry, Lerow & Clarke, with such as the board of Aldermen might join to consider & report. Came up for concurrence, Read, & concurred, & Aldermen Marshall & Welsh are joined. — Bray Ward No. 1.

An ordinance appointing Assessors & assistant assessors, & to provide for the assessment & collection of taxes. Passed in the Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, by choosing the Assessors by ballot, & the assistant assessors by hand vote. — Assessors.

Order of the Common Council appointing the Mayor & Aldermen Surveyors of highways of the City the year ensuing. — Surveyors of highways.

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Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Auditor & Com^e on accounts. An ordinance in addition to, and to amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the City. Came up passed to be enrolled. Read & concurred, with an amendment. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Charleton Common street. Petition of Jonathan Charleton, for remuneration for land taken to widen Common street on Pemberton's hill &c. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Marshall & Bryant, to consider & report.

Minot Beacon street. The committee upon the petitions of William Minot & others, that the section of a well, & pump may be removed from Beacon street to Charles street, reported, that the prayer of the petition be granted, under the direction of the Committee of the district, at the expense of the applicants.

Boston Mill Co. Causeway and Charlestown streets. Petition of the Boston Mill Corporation to have all buildings & obstructions removed from Causeway & Charlestown streets, & that Green Dragon Lane be widened. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Dyer & Oliver to consider & report.

Gibbs Summer street. Petition of William E. Channing, in behalf of the heirs of Mrs Gibbs, praying remuneration for damages incurred in consequence of digging down Summer street. Read & committed to Aldermen Billows, Marshall, Bryant, Welsh & Oliver, to consider & report.

Milton Mill Cop^n Canal. Petition of the Boston Mill Corporation to have the Canal continued of the same width through the

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easterly front thereof. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver with authority to accede to the propositions if they see fit at the expense of the proprietors. —

Petition of Cornelius Coolidge, praying that a committee be appointed to take some measures to remedy the evil occasioned by filling up the flats near Charles street in consequence of which the Chesnut street common sewer has been stopped up. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider & report. Coolidge Charles street

Petition of Samuel D. Parker, praying that the level of Pinckney street may be determined as well as the width of the side walks in said street. Read and committed to Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Bryant, & Welsh, & Oliver, to consider & report. Parker Pinckney street.

Ordered that the subject of Chamber street drains be referred to the Mayor. Chamber St.

Order of the Common Council making an appropriation for primary schools. Read & committed to Alderman Oliver, to consider & report. Primary Schools

Petition of the proprietors of the Federal Street Theatre for remuneration for land, claimed by them in Federal & Franklin streets. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Oliver to consider & report. Federal St. Theatre

Petition of Alpheus Simmons, & others, praying that a meeting of the Citizens be called, to give in their ballots by yeas & nays upon the following proposition viz: "Shall ten hours faithful labor be considered hereafter as a days work for journeymen mechanicks in this City?" Read and thereupon resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the same the board deeming the subject not within the provisions of Simmons for a general meeting

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Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Special meeting.

Thursday May 12th 1825. 9 o'Clock A. M.

Present. The Mayor - Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Dyer, Welsh and Oliver.

Representatives

The board proceeded to examine the returns from the several wards given in on the tenth instant, for twenty persons to represent the City in the next General Court, that being the number agreed upon by the City Council; and found the whole number to be 2223.

necessary for a Choice. 1112.

& that the following gentlemen had a majority of votes viz.

Theodore Lyman, Junior, William Sturgis, Redford Webster, Hiram Lincoln, Jonathan Phillips, Bradford Sumner, David Sears, Thomas B. Wales, Daniel Messenger, Joseph Austin, Samuel L. Knapp, Elijah Morse, Enoch Silsby, David Weld, Franklin Dexter, George W. Otis, Israel Munson, Thomas Motley, Willard Phillips and Francis Jackson, Esquires.

Ordered that the City Clerk make out Precepts in behalf of the Mayor & Aldermen a notice to each of the persons elected, to be delivered to them by a Constable, and that returns be made out & signed according to law.

Adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

Afternoon

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board except Aldermen Blake & Prescott.

W. Barry

Mr. Barry came up with John Stevens member of the Common Council from ward No. 12, & he was duly qualified by taking the several oaths & declarations required by the Constitution & laws before the Mayor. 157. Member of Com. Council qualified

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Marshall, Bryant & Oliver, be a committee to consider and report upon the subject of public Reservoirs to be used for the extinguishment of fires. Reservoirs

Resolved unanimously, that the Mayor be requested to address a letter to Thomas Melville, Esq. expressive of the thanks of this board for his faithful & exemplary services as one of the firewards of Boston, for the term of forty six successive years; & that this vote be entered upon the records of this board. Melville

Petition of Samuel Hammond, & others, proprietors of a common sewer in Somerset Street, praying to have certain persons who have entered into the same apposed according to law. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report. Hammond & Somerset St.

Petition of Amos Cotting, praying that the common sewer, which runs through Central & Tilby Streets, belonging to the owners of stores on said Streets, & running thro' their estates, that the course of the same may be altered so as not to incommode their estates. Read & the prayer thereof granted under the direction of the Committee of the district viz. Aldermen Blake & Marshall upon & under such restrictions as the Committee may direct. Cotting Central & Tilby Streets.

Ordered, of the Common Council directing that on the first day of June next, there be appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury a sum not exceeding one Appropriations

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quarter part of the appropriations for the primary schools; & a sum not exceeding one twelfth part of the appropriations for other various objects of expenditure in the last year, & that the auditor & Committee of accounts proceed in execution of this order in the same manner as if general appropriations were made, until the general appropriation of the year be made; any thing in the ordinance establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the City to the contrary notwithstanding. Came up for Concurrence. Read & concurred.

Shaw, Chesnut street

The committee to whom was referred the application of Jesse Shaw, & others, occupants or owners of estates on Chesnut street, praying that the common sewer should be continued through to Chesnut street, reported an order directing that all persons interested should be notified to appear before this board on monday next, at 5 o'clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have; why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, by publishing notice in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Eddy Salem st.

On the petition of Caleb Eddy, in behalf of the heirs of the late Timothy Gay, deceased, praying, that the drain in Salem street, opposite the Asylum, may be opened & relaid by the City, in a permanent manner, & said person ordering the same lessen his proportion. Ordered, that notice be given to all persons interested, to appear, before this board, on monday next, at 5 o'clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, by publishing notice in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Boston Mill Corp.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Mill Corporation, praying leave to widen

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the Canal or Mill Creek, reported, that the necessary arrangements have been made, the Canal will be widened so as to be sixty feet to the projection belonging to the City, on the South side, thence forty feet. Read & accepted.

Petition of Daniel Messengers & others, praying that a permanent & known place of meeting for the transaction of ward business in Ward No. 10. may be provided. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows & Dyers, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Rice, Bradlee & Foster. Messengers Ward 10.

The committee of both branches of the City Council, on the subject of the eighth resolve of a joint Committee of the last City Council relative to further protection against fire, Report. Fire.

That an organization of a fire department in this City is desireable, predicated on a systematic, individual, responsibility & subordination, in all its parts; that the system adopted & for many years practised upon in the City of New York is of that character & seems to approximate in point of theory to the most perfect general arrangement of any system which has come to the knowledge of your committee. That it is by practical & experienced men deemed among "the best that can be devised" is sufficiently indicated by the accompanying letter from Thomas Franklin, Esq. who has been for more than twenty years at the head, & Chief Engineer of the fire department of that City. Although your Committee would not at present recommend all the details of the system of that city,

Fire

for the immediate adoption of this, yet your committee appre-
hend the fundamental principles of it to be so sound & so es-
sential to any effective organization of a fire department in a
great City that they have deemed it their duty to recommend
a resolution embracing those principles for the consideration &
adoption of the City Council. Should these principles re-
ceive the approbation of the City Council, it will be necessary
to apply to the Legislature for those particular powers and
authorities, with which it may be necessary for the officers of
such department to be invested. Should this application re-
ceive the sanction of the Legislature, all the particular details,
which from experience may be found necessary, may easily be
arranged under the existing powers of the City Charter.

All which is respectfully submitted. By order of the
Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a fire
department be established in this City, consisting of one Chief
Engineer, & as many other Engineers, firewardens, fire engine
men, hose men, hook & ladder men, as may from time to time
be deemed necessary, & as may be duly chosen & appointed by
the City Council.

Resolved, That the Mayor & Aldermen be and
they hereby are requested to apply to the Legislature, that
the officers so chosen & appointed may have all such powers &
authorities & enjoy all such privileges & exemptions as officers of
the same description now possess & enjoy under the present laws
of the Commonwealth; & also that such other powers & privileges
may be granted to them as to their wisdom may seem ex-
pedient. Read & accepted, & the Resolves passed. Sent down for
Concurrence. Came up Concurred;

The committee of both branches of the City Council appointed to consider & report upon the expediency of erecting a School house in Ward No. 12, in lieu of the Franklin School house or otherwise in which there shall be a suitable room for the meetings of the inhabitants of said wards, report unanimously, that in their opinion it is expedient in pursuance of the unanimous vote of the School committee of the 15th of July, last, that such School house should be forthwith erected on the lot of land, purchased by the City last autumn of Joshua Davis, Esquire, in which may conveniently be provided a suitable room for the meetings of the inhabitants of said ward, & also rooms for an engine, & for the watch, when desired; that said School house should be of sufficient size to accommodate all the scholars of the Franklin school & others of the southern section of the city, they, therefore, unanimously recommend to the City Council to pass the following resolve. All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the committee. Daniel Carney, Chairman.

School house Ward No. 12.

Resolved, That the Mayor & Aldermen be requested forthwith to erect a School house agreeable to the foregoing report. Read & accepted, & the resolve passed.

Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

The committee of both branches of the City Council to whom was referred the application of the Overseers of the poor, for the providing of a suitable house for the accommodation of the poor & distressed, & expressing their readiness to take the oversight, care & government of such house, Report,

Overseers of the Poor

That such a house is already provided in this City, established by law, & placed under the oversight & care of the directors

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Overseers of Poor.

of the house of Industry, who are invested, in this respect, by the statutes of this Commonwealth, with all the powers & authorities "had & exercised by overseers of the poor"; that the state of this house under the wise & active management of those directors is, in every respect satisfactory; — the poor of every class content; & the moral & physical condition of the inmates placed upon a new system, calculated to ameliorate both in as high a degree as, in the nature of things is possible under the wise arrangement of those directors, annually chosen by, & responsible to the City Council. While your committee are happy in being thus able to state the results & prospects of this institution, they are not less gratified, that the City Council are able, consistent with the legally invested rights of the directors of that house to avail themselves in relation to it of the general aid of the Overseers of the poor, & at the same time to grant them all the practical & useful facilities, relative to providing for the poor, which from the tenor of their application they desire; — & thus the general arrangements of the poor of the City enjoy the advantages of the intelligence & experience of the members of both the Overseers of the poor & of the Directors of the house of Industry. Their general views will be developped in the subjoined resolutions, which they respectfully repose to the City Council, for its consideration & adoption. All which is submitted. By order of the Committee, Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Resolved 1. That the overseers of the poor be & they are hereby authorized & requested to grant permits for the admission of any person in their judgments entitled to receive support of the City, in the tenements of the City, denominated the house of Industry at South Boston, in like manner as the Directors of said house are entitled by law; & that the superintendent

tendent of said house be hereby is authorized & directed to receive & take charge of persons to whom such permits have been granted; & to provide for their relief, support, & employment in said house, according to the regulations, & under the superintendance of the Directors of the house of Industry. Overseers of Poor.

Resolved, 2.d That the overseers of the poor be & they hereby are authorized & requested, at their discretion, with, or without notice, to visit the establishment called the house of Industry, at South Boston, to enquire into the condition, treatment & employment of the poor who may be inmates therein, & to make such representations & suggestions, from time to time, to the City Council, in relation to their condition, treatment & employment as their wisdom & experience may suggest.

Resolved, 3.d That the Mayor & Aldermen be & they hereby are authorized to provide a suitable vehicle for the conveyance to the house of Industry, of sick, decrepid persons, or those otherwise incapacitated from going of themselves, to such house, & that the same be, at all times, subject to the order of the Overseers of the poor, & of the Directors of the house of Industry, for the purpose aforesaid.

Read & accepted, & the resolves passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred

Enrolled ordinance in addition to, and to amend an ordinance entitled "an ordinance establishing a system of accountability, in the expenditures of the City." Passed. Expenditures

Resolved, that the whole board will meet at the head of Pinckney street, to morrow morning 6 o'Clock, for the purpose of determining the level of said street, & also West Centre street. Pinckney & West Centre Street

Adjourned.

Monday May 16th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board except Alderman Blake.

Howard Common
that of
Pemberton's Hill

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Morse, Wm Simonds, Goddard & Dyer, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to enquire, if any, what alterations & improvements are necessary to be made in Howard street, or that part of Common street called Pemberton's hill; with directions to estimate the expense of such improvements, & report as soon as may be. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Bellows, Bryant and Marshall are joined.

Shaw
Chesnut Street.

Notice having been given in the case of Pope Shaw & others to have the drain or common sewer in Chesnut street continued through the drain in Charles street, Ordered, that the subject be referred to the Mayor & Alderman Bryant & Welsh, with full powers to do what may be deemed expedient.

Auditor

Applications of William Hayden 2nd and Charles Hammatt for the office of auditor of accounts.

Read & Sent down

Snelling
Salem street.

The committee on the application of Nath[l] G. Snelling for compensation for land taken to widen Salem street, reported, that on the Petitioner furnishing Wm Fuller's certificate of the quantity of land taken by the City, & on his furnishing a quit claim deed of the same, free of expense to the City, that he be paid therefor at the rate agreed upon by a committee of the last board of Aldermen viz: thirty three cents, four third per square foot. Read & accepted, and referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

Order of the Common Council appointing on their part Messrs. Giles Lodge, Thomas Wiley and Isaac Parker a committee of accounts. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, and Aldermen Bryant and Oliver are appointed on the part of this Board. Com: of accounts

Agreeably to appointment the board proceeded by ballot, to elect an auditor of accounts, & the votes being taken, it appeared that William Hayden, Junior was chosen in concurrence with the Common Council. Auditor of accounts.

Order of the Common Council directing the City Clerk to give notice in two newspapers published in this City, that proposals for printing to be done for the City the ensuing year will be received until the 20th instant Printing

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

The committee to whom the petition of several Insurance Companies was committed, Reported, that the goods mentioned therein, which were saved from the late fire, & which remain unclaimed, be delivered to the Petitioners as by them prayed for, after thirty days public notice shall have been given, in two of the newspapers of the City, of the intention of so delivering them, & that when so delivered, a good and sufficient bond of indemnity be given, & that all charges that have or may arise be paid by the Petitioners. Ins Co's

Read and accepted.

Resolve of the Common Council of the last year, directing that the width of that part of Common street which extends from the corner of the estate formerly belonging to Wm. Waldo, to the corner of Howard street be extended agreeable to a plan of prospective improvements, recommended Common St. & Pemberton Hill.

mended by the Mayor and Aldermen.

Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Codman — Application of William F. Codman, for a
Camera Obscura — license to exhibit the Camera Obscura, on the several public days, the ensuing Summer. Read & the prayer thereof granted, he paying therefor two dollars per day.

Apollo Soc. — Application of the Apollo society, for a license for a public Concert, at Concert Hall on the 20th. instant.

Granted.

Eddy — Notice having been given for all persons to
Salem St. — appear & object to the prayer of Caleb Eddy, in behalf of the heirs of Timothy Gay, to open & retain the drain in Salem street, & to apply the expense thereof upon the several abutters or those who shall receive benefit thereby. And now W. H. Carter & a great number of others, living on said street, appear & object to the same. And after a full hearing & deliberation had thereon, it is ordered, that said petition be dismissed.

South Boston — The Mayor reports,
Bridge — that the Committee upon the subject of erecting a free bridge to South Boston, agreeable to the act of the Legislature caused an advertizement to be inserted in the several newspapers, that offers would be received from any person or persons who were willing to build said bridge, & indemnify the persons injured, & that no application of any kind has been received.

Read & accepted.

Culbert — Petition of Robert Culbert, to dig a well
Northampton St. — in Northampton street. Read & committed to the Committee on Wood lands, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Petition of John D. Williams, & others, to have a new street made from Common Street, across Warren Street to Pleasant street. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report. Williams New St.

Petition of Henry Rice, for compensation for land taken to widen Water street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report. Rice Water street.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Dyer & Oliver be a committee to cause the wooden building on Charlestown street, belonging to Jacob T. Rust, to be removed forthwith, or sell it at auction at their discretion. Charlestown Street.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows & Welsh, be a committee to consider the expediency of appointing a Superintendent of the Streets, Repairs of the streets, Cabs &c. the drains & common sewers, & if deemed expedient to report rules and regulations. Superintendent of Streets and drains.

Ordered, that Aldermen Blake, Marshall & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to inspect the general state of the ancient records of the town of Boston, & County of Suffolk, & consider what is expedient to be done in relation either to an orderly arrangement or a safer deposit of them than at present exists, & to report what measures are proper to be adopted concerning them, & also concerning the records of the County. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Savage, Morey, Morse, and Adam. Ancient Records.

Ordered, that the Mayor, & Alderman Carney with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to consider & report upon the expediency of selling the Watch house on Washington street, & the land on which it stands, contiguous to Watch house Washington St.

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168. the estate of Josiah Knapp, Esq. upon such terms as the Committee may deem expedient. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Stevens, Vose & J. Simonds.

By laws. Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Blake & Bryant, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee on the subject of the revision of the by laws, with full authority to carry into effect the measures adopted by the committee of the last City Council on that subject. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. F. Dexter, Richardson, Fuller & Washburn.

Brigham Mill-dam. Petition of Samuel Brigham, & others, Inhabitants on & near the Mill dam, lately annexed to Boston, praying that they may have a School house provided & attached to some ward. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney, Blake & Dyer with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Morse, Hastings, Richardson & Farnsworth.

County lands Mayor's message. Gentlemen of the City Council,

In the course of the last municipal year, a committee was appointed to inquire "whether any & what use should be made of the land & buildings north of the County Court house?" That committee reported unanimously on the 29th of January, last, that it would be for the interest of the City to make sale of all said lands & buildings, lying northwardly of the land, thirty one feet wide, leading to the County Court house; with the exception only of a passage way from Court street to connect with the aforesaid lane." The

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above report was read & accepted by the City Council, on the 24th of January last; a committee of both Branches of the City Council was appointed to "carry the same into effect, upon condition the sale & the terms thereof be submitted to the ultimate decision of the City Council." That committee had several interviews with citizens desirous to purchase. But no definite arrangement was the result. The subject is an important one, as it respects the interest of the City, & I respectfully suggest the expediency of raising a committee with similar powers & with a similar limitation of them, conformable to the order of the former City Council.

Josiah Quincy.

County Lands

Read & thereupon Ordered, that the above communication be referred to Aldermen Bellows, Wells and Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, with full powers to carry into effect, the report therein mentioned, according to the City Council in January last, upon condition that the sale & the terms thereof be submitted to the ultimate decision of the City Council. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Curtis, Goddard, Coolidge, Trotting[illegible]ham & Barry.

Agreeably to appointment the board proceeded to Directors of H. of Industry.

ballot by ballot, nine Directors of the House of Industry, & the votes being taken, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were unanimously chosen, viz: Cyprus Alger, Benjamin Shurtleff, Josiah Bradlee, William Tileston, Levi Brigham, Benjamin V. French, George W. Otis, Enoch Patterson and Frederick A. Gay. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, with an amendment, vide post fol. 173. 180.

1701. The committee on the petition of Aaron Coller, Coller, reported, the following Statement of facts viz:

Met according to adjournm.

Present — The whole board.

Petition of the Hook & Ladder Company, for their stated premium, notwithstanding they did not return their full complement of men. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs Perkins, Elliot & Tenney. — Hook & Ladder Co.

Petition of Isaac Harris, & others, to have Greenough's alley widened. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Dyer & Welsh, to consider & report. — Harris — Greenough lane

The committee upon the communication of the Proprietors of the Federal street Theatre, report, that it is inexpedient for the City authorities to interfere in any disposition, which said proprietors wish to make of their property. Read & accepted. — Federal street Theatre

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Hastings, Goddard, & Bradlee, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider the expediency of ordering, that from & after the first day of June, next, all debts due from the City be paid in gold or silver or bills of the Boston banks. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Marshall & Bryant are joined. — Money payable by the City

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Bois, Fennelly, Parker, Tracy & Wells, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & — Fire

report

1/2. reports upon the four first resolves in the report of the joint committee of the last City Council on the subject of farther protection of the City against the ravages from fire. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred & the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Welsh & Oliver are joined.

Water. Order of the Common Council instructing the Committee on the subject of protecting the City against fire; to inquire into the practicability, expence and expediency of supplying the City with good wholesome soft water both for the general use of the Inhabitants, & for the purpose of extinguishing fire. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Rice. Water street. The committee appointed to consider the Petition of Mary Rice, reported, that the land owned by the Petitioner taken to widen Water street, is one hundred & ninety two feet, by Mr. Fuller's measurement for which he be paid one hundred & ninety two dollars, by the City. Read & accepted, & the Mayor to see it executed.

Simmons & Pinckney st. Petition of William Simmons & others, to have Pinckney street widened. Read & committed to Aldermen Bond, Welsh to consider & report.

Kendall. It being represented to this board, that William S. Kendall, an Inhabitant of Boston, does by excessive drinking & idleness so waste his estate as to expose the City to a charge or expence for his support. Ordered, That the said Kendall be notified to appear before this board on monday the 30th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M. & shew cause if any he has, why the above facts should not be represented to the Judge of Probate, by the Mayor & Aldermen, in order that a Guardian may be appointed according to law.

On the petition of Caleb Eddy stating 173.
that the Common sewer in Salem Street is
obstructed & requiring repairs - Drains
that all persons interested be notified to appear before this Eddy
board on Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause Salem St.
why the same should not be repaired & the expense thereof
apeped upon the several persons who shall be benefitted
thereby, by publishing this order in one or more newspapers
printed in Boston.

Communication from the City Marshal Drains
shewing the difficulties & damage resulting to the pavement in
consequence of drains being opened, & the sheets not sufficiently
repaired by unskilful or negligent persons, & recommending a
new form of permit. Read & committed to the Mayor
& Alderman Welsh, with authority to get the form printed.

Petition of Solomon Towne to purchase Towne
a lot of land on Front Street, belonging to the City. Read & Front St.
Committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, with such as the
Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for
concurrence: Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined
on its part Messrs Trotthingham, Bent & Ware.

The order of this board of the 16th inst and Directors of
directing Directors of the House of Industry having come up from H. of Industry.
the Common Council concurred with an amendment viz. by striking
out the names of Benjamin Shurtleff, Josiah Bradlee, William
Silestone, Levi Brigham & George W. Otis, & in lieu thereof inserting
the names of Daniel Baxter, Martin Bates, Daniel Hastings,
Thomas Kendall & Billings Briggs. The board again proceeded
to ballot for five persons to fill the vacancy in the board of

Directors

1824 Directors of the House of Industry, & the votes being taken, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were elected viz! Daniel Baxter, Daniel Hastings, Thomas Kendall, Leo Brigham and George W. Otis. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments. Read & concurred vide post fol.° 180.

County lands Resolved, that the board (will) meet at the County land near the Gaol & Court house on Leverett Street, on Saturday morning at 8 o'Clock, for the purpose of ascertaining what encroachments are making on the County property, & that Alderman Welsh notify the persons interested. After which the board will proceed at 9 o'Clock on said

Bordman Buchan St. morning to view the land of William H. Bordman Esq. on Buchan street for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking part of his land to widen said street, said Bordman to be notified thereof.

Adjourned to Saturday next 8 o'Clock A. M.

Saturday May 21st 1825.

Causeway The board met upon Causeway street near the County land for the purpose of ascertaining if any & what incroachment was making upon the same, & found a wharf building out from said Causeway street.

Bordman Buchan St. The board afterwards proceeded to view Buchan street in front of William H. Bordman's estate & Bordman being notified, attended, & after a hearing the board proceeded to lay out said street & widen the same by taking a strip of said Bordman's land as follows viz! Southerly on other land of said Bordman thrown into the street, there measuring

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four feet six inches; Westerly on land of said Bordman there measuring fifty six feet, three inches; Northerly on a lane or Passage way, there measuring one rod, containing one hundred fifty four feet & two thirds of a rod according to a plan taken by S. P. Fuller, Surveyor dated May 21. 1825, which alteration makes said Purchase street thirty four feet six inches wide in front of said Bordman's land; and said street is hereby laid out & widened according; it appearing to this board that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants requiring such alteration...

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday May 23.d 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present The whole board.

Notice having been given agree- Eddy
able to an order of this board passed on the 19.th instant on Salem st.
the petition of Caleb Eddy, in behalf of the heirs of Timothy Gay deceased, several persons appeared to object, & after a full hearing. It was thereupon ordered, that the Common Sewer in Salem street be opened under the direction of the Committee of the District and the expense thereof assessed according to law.

Application of Henry Sweetser for compensation Sweetser
for land taken to widen Derne street. Read & committed to Derne st.
Aldermen Bryant & Welch to consider & report.

David Hinckley's petition to widen Hinckley
Liberty street. Read & committed to Aldermen Wilson, Marshall Liberty st.
& Bryant, to consider & report.

1826.

Eliot School House

The report of the committee authorizing the Eliot School house to be enlarged by adding another story in order to accommodate the wards committed to the Committee of the district to see it executed.

Horse 23. See minute book Oct. 17. 1825.

Cotton

Beacon St.

Application of John Cotton to convey water from the well in Beacon street by a suction to cross said street. Read & the prayer thereof granted under the direction of the committee of the district.

Superintendent of Streets

The committee to whom was referred the order of the board respecting the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets, drains &c. reported, that such an officer should be appointed. Read & accepted, & recommitted for the purpose of reporting the details.

Superintendent appointed

Enoch Patterson was nominated and appointed Superintendent of Streets, drains &c. agreeable to the above report.

City Marshal

Benjamin Pollard, Esq. was nominated & appointed City Marshal.

Harvard Slip

Ordered, That the Mayor, Alderman Carney & Bellows be a committee to consider & report if Dan. Baxter has encroached on Harvard slip, by building his wharf upon the same or otherwise.

Simmons

Pinckney St.

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Simmons & others, to widen Pinckney street, reported, that it is inexpedient to widen the same at present.

School Com.te

The committee appointed to consider the report of the committee of the last Common Council, & the orders or resolves of said Council thereon respecting the rights & powers of the School Committee, & the duty of the City Council

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to providing Compensation of instructors, erecting School houses &c Reported that they have carefully attended to the facts & circumstances detailed in the first mentioned Report of the Committee of the Common Council, & have examined the several acts of the Legislature, & proceedings of the town of Boston, from time to time which are therein referred to; & touching the extent of the ~~Legislature~~ legitimate rights & powers of the School committee, your committee are of opinion that the principles stated in the report of the said Committee of the Common Council are well founded. Your committee therefore report in favour of a concurrence with the Common Council in the before mentioned orders or resolves.

1777. School Com.

Geo. Blake, Pr. order.

Read and accepted, & thereupon

Resolved, That from & after the first day of June next, the Salaries of all instructors of the public schools be determined by a concurrent vote of the City Council, at such times, & in such manner as the said Council shall think expedient.

Resolved, that the City Council in the months of May or June in each year, shall appropriate a certain sum of money as a fund to meet the contingent expenses of the public schools, & that the Mayor & Aldermen be authorized to take charge of the disbursement of the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Thursday next 3 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday May 26. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board, except Alderman Blake.

Tucker — Petition of Richard D. Tucker & others, for
Watch — a watch house and watch at the head of the Dock between India street and Central wharf. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall to consider & report.

Gardiner — Petition of William Gardiner, & Joseph
Castle st. Boalt, praying that the elevation of Castle street may be determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows with instructions to employ S.S. Fuller, Surveyor to determine the same.

Codman — Petition of Stephen Codman & others, praying
Pemberton hill — that Pemberton's hill may be taken down, & the buildings in the middle of Court street on the side of said hill be taken down & the street widened. Read & committed to the Committee of the City Council who have under consideration the subject of levelling said hill, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Greenwood — Application of Ethan A. Greenwood to be
Providence — licensed to exhibit a Panorama of Providence painted by J. C. Pratt, at the house corner of Court & Common streets, for six weeks. Granted upon paying therefor fifteen dollars.

Side walks — Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to consider the expediency of the City hereafter assuming the expense of laying the side walks, & to report the principles which ought in such case to be adopted.

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the mode of carrying the same into effect. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Goddard, Farnsworth, Lerow, Parker and Wells. 1829.

The several committees of the districts made reports of the estimates of paving & repairs of streets, amounting in the whole to thirty thousand dollars. Paving

Ordered, that the sum of ten thousand dollars be expended for the purpose of continuing the pavement of Washington street. Washington St.

Resolved, that the board will meet tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock in Washington street opposite the Indian Queen tavern, near the head of Milk street, for the purpose of considering the expediency of widening that part of said Washington street. Washington St. widening of.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Friday May 27th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board except Aldermen Carney and Blake.

The board proceeded to view that part of Washington street on which Dr. Perkins is about building. Whereupon Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the inhabitants require that said street should be widened as follows viz: beginning at the southeasterly corner of the buildings called Mowice's House now, & running in a straight line to a point five feet six inches westerly of the northeasterly corner of the store of Elisha Penniman, occupied by Penniman, Whitney, Towle and Washington St. and

and Lincoln all the land eastorly of said line to be taken into said street for the purpose of widening the same, according to a plan of the same, taken by S. P. Fuller, Surveyor; & the same is taken and widened accordingly.

Kendall's Concert

Application of John Kendall for a Concert at Boylston Hall this evening. Granted upon paying therefor, three dollars.

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'Clock P. M.

Monday May 30. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole Board.

Gardiner, Castle st.

The committee appointed on the petition of William Gardiner & Others, praying that the elevation of Castle street may be established — reported, that with the assistance of S. P. Fuller, the surveyor they have fixed the elevation of said street, & in the course of performing that duty they find several wooden buildings have encroached about seven inches on said street. Read & accepted, and said committee are instructed to have said buildings removed.

Market

Ordered, That Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Marshall be a committee on the Market.

Mill pond Wharf

Communication from a committee of the Proprietors of the Mill pond wharf, relative to the building on said wharf. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Welsh & Oliver, to consider & report.

Director of the M. of Industry.

The board again proceeded to ballot for one Director of the Mass. M. of Industry, & the votes being taken & appeared, that Billings Briggs was chosen in concurrence with the Common Council.

The committee on Back lands, to whom was committed the Petition of Robert Coulbert for permission to dig a wall on the side walk in front of his store, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said Petition. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Culbert

The committee on the subject of the duties of the Superintendent of the Streets, reported the following specification of them.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Streets to superintend the general state of the streets, lanes, alleys, public walks & squares, in the city, as it respects widening, elevation & repairs, including the side walkes, as well as the part destined for carriages, to suggest all alterations & improvements he may deem necessary therein. Superintendent of Streets.

To superintend the laying out, widening, elevation & repairs of the same, whenever the same shall be directed by the Mayor and Aldermen.

To make all contracts for the repairs or other improvement of said streets, also for the purchase of all materials, & for the supply of all labour on the same.

To make a record of all his proceedings, in his said capacity, & which record shall be public, the property of the city, & be open at all times to the inspection of the Mayor & Aldermen.

To receive all applications of the citizens relative to widening, elevation, improvement or repairs of the same & in case of observing any nuisances, obstructions or encroachments, thereon, it shall be his duty to give notice of the same to the Mayor, or the City Marshal.

To have the superintendence of the building or repair of the drains, whenever the same

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182. shall be directed by the Mayor & Aldermen; to make all contracts for such building & repairs. & to see to their execution.

To take the general superintendence of the City Yards, & to purchase all wagons, Horses, & sell the same under the direction of the Mayor & Aldermen. & to see to all general arrangements relative to cleaning the Streets, removal of the house dirt & making sale of manure.

To make all contracts for wood, & take the charge of the School houses, & every thing relating to the same.

And generally to perform all duties relative to the premises which the Mayor & Aldermen may direct.

Read & accepted.

Kendall

It appearing to this board that notice has been given to William T. Kendall, to appear at this time & show cause, if any he has, why he should not be represented to the Judge of Probate, as a person who by excessive drinking & idleness so wastes his estate as to expose the City to a charge or expence for his support. And it appears by the evidence of divers credible witnesses that the above allegations are true. Thereupon ordered, that a Petition be made out & signed by the Mayor & Aldermen to the Judge of Probate in order that a Guardian may be appointed according to law.

Snelling, Salem St.

The Mayor reports, that he obtained W. Fuller's Certificate of the quantity of land taken from the heirs of Josiah Snelling, deceased, to widen Salem Street, & that the amount of land taken was seventy four feet, & that he paid W.G. Snelling in full twenty four dollars, & sixty six Cents.

Read & accepted.

Order of the Common Council directing the City Clerk to give notice, forthwith, in two or more of the newspapers printed in this City, that applications will be received until 12 o'clock on Thursday the ninth day of June, next, for the office of Resident Physician at Hospital Island, for the ensuing year. Came up for concurrence. Read & Concurred. Resident Physician

Petition of Heman Lincoln & others, praying to have a new Engine for the westerly part of the City. Read & committed to the Committee of the City Council who have under consideration the subject of protecting the City against fire, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Lincoln Engine

The committee to whom was referred the application of the Hook & Ladder Company for an allowance of twenty five dollars, the annual premium, reported, that the prayer of said petition be granted. Read & accepted. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred. Hook & Ladder Co.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Hallet, Parker, & Wales, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to examine & audit the accounts of the City & County Treasurer, & report upon the same to the City Council, as soon as may be. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Bryant & Oliver are joined. Treasurer's accounts

Communication from the Overseers of the Poor, requesting their intention relative to the resolves passed by the City Council on the twelfth day of May ~~last~~ instant. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Carney, Welsh & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & Overseers of the Poor

and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Savage, Williams, Thaxter, Elliot, Adam, Tracy & Ware.

Surveyors of boards

Ordered, that William Clouston, Nathl Bradlee, Noah Dogget, Thomas Christie, William Green, John Howe, Ebenezer Homer, Richard Thayer, Edward J. Robbins, Henry Blake, Moses Eayres, 2nd Oliver Mills, Samuel Ellison, William Mills, Nolen Hartshorn, Thomas Barry, Peres Loring, Samuel Waldron, Seth Thaxter, and Warren Brooker be & they hereby are appointed Surveyors of boards, & other lumber for the year ensuing.

Fence viewers

Also Nathaniel Bradlee, Romanus Emerson, Nolen Hartshorn, Uriel Crocker & John Howe to be fence viewers, the year ensuing.

Cullers of fish

Also that John T. Bannister, Jacob Barstow, James Brown, Benjamin Clark, Nathaniel Howe, Benjamin Owen, Ebenezer Perry, Charles Poor, be cullers of dry fish, the year ensuing.

Cullers of staves

Also that James Brown, Benjamin Clark, Nathaniel Howe, Benjamin Owen, Charles Poor, be cullers of hoops staves the year ensuing.

Apay masters

Also that John Wells and Lewis Lauriat be apay masters, the year ensuing.

Surveyors of hemp,

Also that Samuel Emmons and Benjamin Rich, be surveyors of hemp, the year ensuing.

Inspectors of lime

Also that Michael Homer, Samuel Sprague & Francis James, be inspectors of lime, the year ensuing.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Crier

James Wilson was nominated & appointed public Crier, the year ensuing.

Samuel Beals was nominated & appointed Sealer of weights & measures the year ensuing. Sealer of weights &c.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Solomon Towne, to hire a lot of land, situated on the corner of Front & Bridge streets, reported, that the City lease the said lot to the petitioner for one year at fifty dollars. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Towne

The committee of the City Council on the petition of Joseph Woodward, & others, citizens of South Boston, praying, for a free & direct communication between that & other parts of the City, having taken the same into consideration, & heard the petitioners, & having also considered the act of the Legislature authorizing a free bridge, to be erected between Bosn & South Boston, to which a reference is made in the said petition, respectfully report the following resolves. Woodward & So. Boston Bridge.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

1. Whereas it appears to the City Council that proposals have been issued for the building of a bridge from Wheeler's point to South Boston, according to the terms & conditions of the act of Feb. 25. 1825, & it also appearing that no persons have offered to build the same bridge according to said proposals, Therefore; Resolved, that it is not expedient for the City Council to take any further measures, for building said bridge under the present provisions, & restrictions of said act.

2. Resolved, that in the opinion of the City Council, the establishment of a more direct & convenient communication than at present exists by means of a free bridge, from the old part of Boston, to South Boston, would greatly

Contribute

contributes to the accommodation & prosperity of the City.

3. Resolved, That it is expedient for the City Council to apply to the Legislature so to alter or modify the late act, granting leave to erect a free Bridge, from the old part of Boston to South Boston, as that all damages to private property by reason of such erection, if any in their opinion ought to be paid to any Corporation or individuals should be first ascertained by Commissioners to be appointed by the Legislature for that purpose.

4. Resolved, That a committee of both branches of the City Council be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to ascertain upon what terms South Boston bridge can be purchased, & what sums of money can be obtained from individuals & corporations to be applied to said purpose, with the view to make said toll bridge a free bridge.

Read & the first & fourth resolutions accepted & passed; the second & third were not accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council appointed Messrs. Williams, Stevens, Lecrow, J. Simonds, and Fuller, a committee on its part on the fourth resolve. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Marshall, Dyer and Bryant, are appointed on the part of this board.

Boston & Roxbury Mill Corpn.

The committee of the City Council to whom was referred the subject of the limits of the basin formed by the Mill dam of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation, respectfully report— That having heard the Presidents of that Corporation on the subject of the rights & pretensions thereof and considered the various acts of the town of Boston, & of the Legislature of Massachusetts relative to the above basin, & the flats included

cluded. Therein, they are unanimously of opinion that the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation have no claim, under by virtue of those acts or of either of them to the soil of any part of the land or flats adjoining or included within that basin. The report of a committee of the town & acceptance thereof by the town upon which that Corporation relies as a cession or grant of those flats having been made upon certain expressed conditions which were not complied with by the said Corporation, the said grant is in the opinion of this committee absolutely & without question void.

Your committee also have no apprehension that any liberty given by any act of the Legislature to use the said basin for the purpose of overflowing the said flats has vested any right of soil in the said Corporation or can preclude the City from exercising any act of ownership which it possessed antecedent to the said act of the Legislature.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the City has no interest or concern in the settling of any limits of what is called the basin to the southward of the dam belonging to the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation ~~in any way, that of~~ the use of the flats by that Corporation in flowing any part of those flats so long as they are not wanted for any other purpose by the City cannot in the opinion of this Committee affect the City's right of soil, or general right of ownership; which whenever the City chooses to exercise, it can do it, in any way it pleases, independent of such use.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the following streets &c
Streets to be paved
paved; viz: Essex, Washington from West to Warren, Ruth,
Mechanic Street repaired; Dutton of Somerset, Chardon, Congress,
Centre, Hanover, Bloyson as far as Vine, Lynde, Bacon
Street macadamized, Temple Street paved.

Perkins & Allen St.
Petition of Samuel Perkins, Esqrs, owners of
estates on South Allen Street, praying that the City would ac-
cept said Street, & cause the same to be regulated, as is the
usage respecting other streets. Read and thereupon

Resolved, That the board will meet in said Street
tomorrow morning 8 o'Clock, for the purpose of viewing the
same.

Lafayette
Order of the Common Council appointing
Messrs Lodge, Waters & Coolidge, with such as the board of
Aldermen might ~~shall~~ join, a committee to consider & report
certain Resolutions relative to the reception of General Lafayette
Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen
Platt & Welsh are joined.

Adjourned to 8 o'Clock tomorrow morning.

Tuesday May 31st. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

South Allen St.
The board proceeded to view South Allen Street agre-
able to their vote yesterday.

Then afterwards proceeded to view Ridgway's
Lane, & directed said Lane to be paved, & that the owners of estates on
the same be directed to remove all steps & obstructions from the same.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board, except Alderman Welsh.

Petition of Cushing Nichols for a drain through Castle street into the Dock bay. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows to consider & report. Nichols Castle st.

Ordered, That any Surveyor of high-ways be authorized to barricade any street whenever it may be thought necessary. Highways

Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to send for one Hydraulion, one thousand feet of hose Hydraulion.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen Blake & Bryant be a committee to consider & report the expediency of such owners of estates when about building or rebuilding to give notice to this board, prior to such building. Building on Streets

Letter from Dr Thomas Welsh, declining to be considered a candidate for the office of Resident Physician at Hospital Island, the ensuing year. Dr Welsh, decline

Read and sent down.

Petition of Jacob Sanderson & others proprietors of a common sewer in Belknap street, praying the City authorities to accept said. Read & accepted, & referred to the Mayor. Sanderson, Belknap st.

Petition of William Sullivan, & others, proprietors of a common sewer in Chesnut street, praying the City to accept the same. Read and accepted, & referred to the Mayor. Sullivan, Chesnut st.

Flats Seawall

Order of the Common Council, appointing Wm. Hodges, Stevens, Weiss, Parker, Merriam, A. Simonds and Wells with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report on the expediency of building a Sea Wall on the western & southern boundaries of the upland Flats owned by the City, on the west side of Charles street, & report an estimate of the expense of a suitable fence to be placed thereon. Also to consider and report on the expediency of levelling & filling up the said land thus proposed to be enclosed in such way as to be conducive to the health & ornament of the City, & report an estimate of the expense of carrying the same into effect. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Bellows, Dyer, Bryant, Welsh & Oliver are joined.

Howe Fusileers

Petition of Joseph N. Howe, Com. Captain of the Boston Independent Fusileers, praying that a larger & more convenient room than they now occupy may be assigned them, & that such aid may be afforded them as to place them upon an equality with other Light Infantry companies. Read and committed to Aldermen Dyer, Marshall & Welsh to consider & report.

Pratt Bunker Hill

Application of H. L. Pratt, for a license to exhibit his painting of the Battle of Bunker's hill, at his room No. 255 Washington street. Read & the prayer thereof granted.

Hammond Inn St.

Petition of Samuel Hammond, praying that that part of the Common sewer, leading from the Mill Creek through Ann street, which goes through the Doc Dock passage, may be opened & relaid, the same being obstructed & gone to

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decay. Read & thereupon ordered, that all persons interested be notified to appear before this board on tuesday the seventh instant, at 4 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, & the expense of the same apposed upon those persons who shall receive benefit thereupon.

Adjourned to tuesday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Tuesday June 7th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The whole board except Aldermen Blake and Marshall.

Petition of David Baxter & others, praying that Washington street, near Boylston Market, & the head of Essex street may be widened. Read & committed to Aldermen Learned & Bellows, to consider & report. Baxter Washington St.

Application of Richard Potter for a license to exhibit as a Ventriloquist, at Concert Hall. Granted upon paying therefor five dollars a night. Potter Ventriloquist.

Ordered, that Aldermen Bryant and Oliver, be a committee to examine and pass the County accounts. County acct

Application of Joseph Woodruff, for a license to exhibit a learned Goat, Phantasmagoria & other amusements, for one month. Granted upon paying therefor twenty five dollars. Woodruff Learned Goat

Ordered, that the Mayor & Aldermen Welsh Bryant, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee Pemberton hill

192. committee to consider & report on the expediency of purchasing a piece of land of Thomas Welsh, 2nd. Esq. on Court street, near Pemberton's hill, & report the terms upon which the same can be obtained. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Goddard, W. Simonds, & Morse.

Badger / Thacher St. Petition of Thomas Badger, to purchase a piece of land on Thacher street. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Wells, Reed & Perkins.

Charles river bridge A letter & vote of the Directors of Charles river bridge "that the toll houses of said Bridge be closed on the seventeenth of June, & that the bridge be opened free of toll to the public" Which being read & considered, thereupon Ordered, that the City Marshal be authorized & directed to cause a sufficient number of Constables to be stationed on the 17th of June, on Charles river bridge, with the jurisdiction of the City, for the purpose of protecting it from injury, of keeping order, & causing the law of the road to be observed.

Also Resolved, That considering the liberal offer of the Directors of Charles river bridge expressed in their letter & vote, & the obvious inconvenience of raising the draw, on said day, this board express the hope, & request their fellow citizens engaged in navigation to make no application for the raising the draw of said bridge on that day.

Parsons. Petition of Edmund Parsons, & others, to have

Mill Creek dikes erected at each end of the Mill Creek, low feet above half

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lide for the purpose of keeping the lide water in, & forming a reservoir. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer and Oliver to consider & report.

The committee upon the expediency of widening Liberty street, reported, that the public have very little, if any interest in the proposed improvement; that any interference on the part of the City would be attended with expense, which the benefit to be derived to the City would not justify. Liberty street.

Read & accepted.

Communication from the Overseers of the Poor giving an estimate of the probable amount, which for the current year may be wanted by that board, for distribution among the poor. Overseers of Poor.

Read & sent down.

The committee who had under consideration the application of Noah James relative to watering the City horses, & who reported on the ninth ultimo; that it was inexpedient then to do any thing touching the premises, have had the subject under further consideration, & now ask leave to report, that the prayer of said James be granted, the water to be obtained by suction through leaden pipes from a well in Portland street, (in which the City owns a right) in the most judicious & economical manner to the yard of the City stables, with one or more hydrants, & that the materials be procured, & the work done under the direction of Mr. Patterson; the whole cost of materials & labor not to exceed the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars with usual warranty. All which is submitted by James.

John D. Dyer
H. J. Oliver

Read and accepted.

Brigham, Mill Dam

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Brigham & others, Inhabitants of that part of the City called the Mill dam, ~~xxxxxx~~, praying that other things that they may be annexed to some one of the wards in the City of Boston, so that their names may be inserted on the list of voters within such ward, & they be thereby invested with all the rights & privileges which are enjoyed in common with other Citizens of said City have duly attended to that subject, & ask leave to report, that the request of the petitioners in the opinion of the Committee would appear just & reasonable, but inasmuch, as by the provisions of the act incorporating the City, it is not left in the power of the City government to alter the division of the established wards, until after the expiration of a term of years therein specified, which term has not yet expired. Your Committee recommend that the City Council petition the Legislature forthwith that they be authorized to annex the Inhabitants of the Mill dam so called to Ward No 6. in order that they may legally exercise the rights of Citizens.

Daniel Carney, Chairman

Read & accepted, & thereupon Ordered, that the Mayor & Aldermen be authorized to apply to the Legislature for an act agreeable to the above report. Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred

Nichols Castle st

The committee on the subject of encroachments on Castle street, reported, that they have notified Cushing Nichols to remove his building forthwith. Read & accepted & referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

Engine

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized & requested to send to New York, for the Engine which the City Council

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have authorized this board to cause to be built for the City. 1825.

The Mayor reports that he has ordered an Hydraulion and one thousand feet of hose from Philadelphia agreeable to an order of this board. Hydraulion.

The several applications for doing the Printing for the City the ensuing year. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows & Oliver to consider & report. Printing.

Ordered, that Aldermen Bellows, Dyer and Marshall, be a Committee on the Gaol and House of Correction. Gaol & H. of Correction.

Adjourned to Thursday next 5 o'Clock P.M.

Thursday June 9th 1825.

Met according to adjournm.

Present — The whole board.

Mr. Williams came up with a message to inform the board of Aldermen that the Common Council had made choice of the Hon. James Savage as President pro tempore. President pro tem.

A Communication was received from Dr. Theodore Dexter, resigning his seat as a member of the Common Council. Read & sent down. Member of Com: Council resign.

Applications from the following gentlemen for the office of resident Physician, at Hospital Island, with the documents accompanying, viz. Edwin Adams, Theodore Dexter, Jonas Underwood, Thomas J. Parker, William B. Duggan and Williams Bradford. Read & sent down. Resident Physician.

Hammond Ann street.

Ordered, the Superintendent of Streets & drains be directed to cause the drain in Ann street, petitioned for, by Samuel Hammond, to be constructed, notice having been given according to law, & no person appearing to object, & that said Hammond & Ebenezer Farley be directed to box their cellars at the same time.

Penniman Washington St.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows & Bryant be a committee to consider & report upon the expediency of taking a strip of land belonging to Elisha Penniman, to widen Washington street.

County accts

Ordered, that Aldermen Bryant & Oliver be discharged from the committee appointed to consider the accounts against the County, & that Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Marshall be appointed in their stead.

Parkman Engine house

Communication from George Parkman stating that an Engine house would be provided at the westerly part of the City, if one of the new Engines should be located at that place. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider and report.

Parkman Vine St.

Communication from Sarah Parkman and Robert G. Shaw, proprietors of the vacant land on the southern side of Vine street extending from Bridge street west to Nath. Rupell street, stating that they are willing to annex to Vine street as much land as may be desired, to widen the same; provided the incur no expense in making side walk, & removal of the fence. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant and Welsh, to consider & report.

Chesnut St.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets & drains be authorized & directed to cause the drain in Chesnut street to be continued to Charles street, & from thence to run until it strikes Summer street, from thence to the sea.

Ordered that Aldermen Bryant & Welsh with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to consider the expediency of uniting the offices of resident & antient Physician, with that of the House of Industry & House of Correction at South Boston, & that they be authorized to report by ordinance or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Barry, Goddard & Morey. Resident Phy. & Phy. of H. of Industry & H. of Correction.

Whereas Samuel Hammond, of this City, Merchant, has by deed indented of this date delivered, sold and conveyed to the City, a tract of land, lying westerly of Roe buck alley, & between that & other land to him belonging, upon the condition & agreement, that the same shall be laid out, & forever continue as part of a street or highway of thirty five feet in width leading from North Market street to Ann street, adjoining & parallel with the western boundary line of the land of John Bellows. Therefore resolved, that a draft of the description & dimensions aforesaid be, & the same hereby is declared to be laid out, forever to continue as a public, & common highway. Hammond

The Mayor reports that he has ordered an Engine from New York, agreeable to an order of this Board. Engine

The committee to whom was referred the applications for paving, reported, that he has consulted the Superintendent of streets, & it is found that it has always been customary to pay the expense of breaking up, or digging new ground when first paved. Read & accepted, & thereupon ordered, that Hall & Tuttle, and David Marden & Co. be employed to the paving of the City, that may be required in the several streets &c. the ensuing season. Paving

Woodruff's Learned Goat.

The board reconsider their former vote in granting a license to Joseph E. Woodruff to exhibit the learned Goat, Jhuntosmagoria &c. and thereupon Ordered, that he have a license for one month, paying therefor, the sum of fifteen dollars.

Potter Ventriloquist.

The board reconsider their former vote in granted a license to Richard Potter, to exhibit as a ventriloquist so far as that he have a license for ten dollars per week.

Sidewalks

The committee of the City Council who were directed to consider the expediency of the City's hereafter assuming the expense of the side walks, & to report the principles which ought in such case to be adopted, & the mode of carrying the same into effect — Respectfully report —

That the following principles ought to be adopted, as the rule of the City in such cases viz:

Ordered, that all side walks now paved, & in good order, to the satisfaction of the Surveyors of highways; all sidewalks hereafter paved to the satisfaction & acceptance of said Surveyors; — and all sidewalks now out of repair, which shall be paved, to the satisfaction & acceptance of said Surveyors, shall thenceforth be accepted by the City, & that all subsequent repairs & alterations shall be assumed, by & made at the expense of the City, except such as may become necessary in consequence of any act done; by, or under the authority of the owner of the adjoining land, which shall always be made at the expense of such owner A. Which is respectfully submitted. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred with an amendment, at A. insert "Provided that no sidewalk

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be considered as accepted until it is so recorded in a book to be kept by the Mayor & Aldermen." Came up for Concurrence.

Read & concurred;

The committee appointed by the City Council to audit the accounts of the City & County Treasurer for the past year, ending the thirty first day of May, last, reported, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, after a particular examination of each item, they find the accounts rightly cast, & properly vouched, & it appears that there was on the said day a balance in favour of the City of $83, 877 86/100, & a balance against the County of $32, 222 46/100 leaving a final balance in favor of the City of $51, 655 40/100 of which was deposited in the City bank to the credit of William Mackay, City Treasurer $49, 623 91/100, & in the hands of the Treasurer $2, 031 49/100. Read & accepted

Treas'r's accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Communication from the auditor of accounts enclosing an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the financial year, which commences on the first day of June instant, & will end on the thirty first day of May, in the year 1826.

Estimates of Expenditures

Read & Sent down

Petition of Isaac Thayer to hire and purchase a piece of land on the neck. Read & committed to the Committee on Neck lands, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

I. Thayer Neck lands.

Came up concurred.

The committee who were directed to inquire into the expediency of causing all payments on account

Treas'r to make payments in Specie.

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of the City, to be made in Specie or bills of the Boston banks, reported the following order viz:

Ordered; that from & after the passing of this order the City Treasurer be & he is hereby directed to make all payments on account of the city in gold or silver or bills of the banks in Boston. Read & accepted, Ordered accordingly. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Pemberton's hill & Howard St.

The committee appointed to take into consideration "what alteration & improvements are necessary to be made in Howard street, & that part of Common street called Pemberton's hill" Reported, That they have carefully examined the streets in question, & in the opinion of your committee important improvements may be made in both, at an expense to the City which may be considered trifling when compared with the advantages to be derived to the public.

The improvements which we recommend are; first, to lower the summit of Pemberton's hill a few inches, beginning at or near Gardiner Greene's Stable, gradually descending to Ralph Haskins's store; then to lower the ground directly in front of said Haskins's store, a few inches & raising the side near Concert Hall, so as to leave the same with such a descent as to admit the water to pass off freely into Hanover street. Also to remove the steps in front of Doctor Shurtleff's house. then to take off as much of the west end of the wall extending along in front of Concert Hall as the alteration in the hill shall appear to render it convenient & proper; then to place upon the remaining part of said wall a substantial open iron fence, so that persons with teams or carriages entering the square from Court, Hanover or Howard Streets

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may be seasonably apprised of the approach of each other, by this means to lessen the danger of accidents which have so often occurred in this place, the cost of these improvements is estimated by your Committee at fifteen hundred dollars.

Your committee further report, that Howard street is susceptable of improvements of some importance to the City, but of much greater interest to the owners of estates there; we therefore recommend that the side walk of the corner of Howard street in front of said Haskins' store be reduced two to three feet, in width, at the expense of the owners, as they occupy too large a portion of the street; & that if Elijah Morse Esq. & said Haskins will remove the wood fences, door steps &c. in front of their estates, & give in their land to the City, that the City will assume the expense of rebuilding the stable wall on Howard street.

J. Bellows, Chairman.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

Lafayette

The joint committee appointed to consider what measures should be adopted by the City government on the occasion of the expected return of General Lafayette to the City. Reported, that in their opinion, it will be proper for the members of the City Council to wait upon the General on his arrival in the City, and offer him their congratulations on the occasion. And that the Mayor & Aldermen be authorized to make such arrangements for the honorable reception & entertainment of General Lafayette during the time he may remain in the City, as to them may be deemed expedient & proper.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence

Came up Concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Monday June 13th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The whole board.

Plamboek Short Street. Petition of John G. Plamboek, & others, to have Short street extended to Essex street. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report.

Bear Ann Street. Petition of Joseph Bear, to open the common sewer in Ann street. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report.

Vernon, Snowhill St. Petition of William Vernon to extend Snow hill street to Charter street. Read & committed to Alderman Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report.

Bunker hill Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to permit any military company which may come into the City on the 17th instant, for the purpose of celebrating the battle of Bunker hill, & laying the corner stone of the Monument, to encamp on the Common.

Barber Cross Street Petition of Robert Barber, & others, for liberty to sink a well in Cross street, & to take water therefrom for the use of the abutters on that and Pond street. Read and committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report.

Portland St. Well Ordered, That the Mayor take into consideration the subject of the well in Portland street, & to report by whom the same was constructed, & who has a right in the same.

Wells in Streets. Ordered, That curb stones be put over the several wells in the public streets for the purpose of inserting suction hose to be used in case of fire.

The committee to whom the applic Fusileers
cation of the Boston Fusileers was referred, reported, that the
northeast corner room in Faneuil Hall be allotted to said com-
pany for their Armory. Read & accepted, & Alderman Oliver is
authorized to see this report executed as soon as the public
stores shall be secured.

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized Bunker Hill
to make such arrangements for keeping & open the several Celebration
streets in the City through which it is expected the pro
cession will pass on their way to the celebration on Bunker
Hill, on the seventeenth instant, as on a consultation with
the executive committee of the Bunker Hill monument as-
sociation, he may deem to be expedient & necessary for the
accommodation & safety of the Citizens. And for this purpose
that he be authorized to cause to be erected all necessary
barriers across such streets as he may think proper to close
on that occasion.

The committee of the City Council on Water &
the subject of protecting the City against fire, who were in- supplying City
structed to inquire into the practicability, expense & expediency with.
of supplying the City with good, wholesome water, respect
fully report That there can be no question concern
ing its practicability or expediency, and that the only question
is concerning the expense, & concerning the mode in which
it can be effected. On this point your committee have
reason to believe that capitalists may be found willing to
join the City in carrying into effect such an undertaking,
but whether an association of this kind ought to be formed,
whether it ought wholly to be left to private enterprize, or
be wholly effected at the expense of the City are questions on

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which there is a diversity of opinion. Your committee are however on the one hand of opinion, that the City should, not without great deliberation enter upon the project on its own account, & on the other hand they are equally divided in opinion, that the admission of any private association to the whole or even a portion of interest in such a privilege ought not to be adopted, without also great deliberation.

The subject is, however, in its nature of so great importance & the state of the times, on many accounts so favourable to the commencement of such an undertaking, that your committee have deemed it proper that a survey of some of the most obtrusive & important points from which a sufficient supply of water can be obtained, should be made at the expense of the City, as soon as possible. The information thus obtained will not only be very desirable in itself, but may be decisive on the great question of the expediency of the City's undertaking the subject, on its own account, or abandoning it wholly or partially, to the agency & enterprize of others. With these views the Committee report the following resolution for the consideration of the City Council.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman

Resolved, That the Mayor & Aldermen be & they hereby are authorized & empowered to cause a survey of such points or places, in the vicinity of this City from which a sufficient supply of good & wholesome water may be obtained, and that, for carrying this resolution into effect, the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated. Report read and accepted in the Common Council, & the Resolve passed.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Order of the Common Council commit- Estimate of
ting the statement of all the receipts & expenditures of the expenditures
past year & an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised
for the expenditure of the ensuing year, to the Committee of
Finance with such as the board of Aldermen might join,
to ~~xxxx~~ consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read
& concurred. & the Mayor Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Bryant
& Welsh are joined.

Order of the Common Council committing Overseers
the communication from the Overseers of the poor, inclosing an poor
estimate of the probable amount which for the current year
may be wanted by the overseers in distribution among the
poor to the Committee who have under consideration the
auditors estimate of the amount necessary to be raised for
the expenditures of the financial year, to consider, and
report. Came up for concurrence.
Read & concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the board pro- Resident
ceeded to the choice of a resident Physician at Hospital Island Physician.
by ballot, & the votes being taken, it appeared that Doctor
Theodore Dexter, was chosen, in concurrence with the Com
mon Council.

The committee appointed to consider Pemberton's
the petition on the expediency of purchasing a piece of land of Hill
Thomas Welsh Junior, Esq. on Leonard street, near Pemberton's hill,
reported, that it is inexpedient for the City, to purchase the
same. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

The committee to whom was referred Printing
the several applications for printing reported, that on a com

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Harison of the several publications, they find that the terms proposed by Messrs. Elmendorf & Greene are lowest on which the printing to be done for the City, the present year is offered to be taken, & the Committee therefore recommend that the same be accepted.

Read and accepted.

Rice — Petition of Henry Rice & others, owners of

Water street. estates on Water street, Liberty square, Kilby street & Central street, that a new common sewer be constructed that shall be sufficient for draining the cellars of their stores from the Post office, and the expense thereof aspesed on those who may be benefited thereby.

Ordered, that all persons interested be notified to appear before this board on Monday next 7 o'clock P. M. then & there to shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'clock P. M.

Thursday June 16th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Met this day at half past 12 o'clock by order of the Mayor.

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Carney, Dyer, Marshall and Oliver.

Lafayette — Resolved, That both branches of the City Council with proceed forthwith to pay their respects to General Lafayette, at the Mansion of the Hon. Wm. Lloyd.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Message. — Mr. Wales came up with a message to inform the board of Aldermen that the Common Council are now ready to proceed to pay their respects to General Lafayette.

Alderman Oliver was charged with a message to inform the Common Council that the Mayor & Aldermen are now ready to proceed.

After paying their respects to General Lafayette the board returned to their room.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the Well in Portland Street, & to report by whom the same was constructed, & who has a right to the same, reported, that it appears by the records that Henry Tarman had liberty, on the fourth day of October A. 1820, to sink a well in said street & cover the same with a flag stone; upon condition that he keep the same in repair at his own expence; subject always to the control of the Selectmen, for the time being. — Read & accepted, & thereupon Ordered that the Superintendent of streets & drains proceed forth with to lay a suction from said well to the City stables on Merrimac street. Well Portland St.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday June 20th. 1825.

A quorum of the board not being present, the meeting adjourned until to-morrow evening 7 o'Clock, P. M.

Tuesday June 21st. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board, except Alderman Bryant.

Ordered, that a well be sunk in Sudbury street, under the Superintendence of Mr. Patterson. Well Sudbury st.

Petition of George W. Lyman praying

Lyman Summer St. that the Elevation of Summer Street may be determined, in front of his houses which he is now building on said street. Read and committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider and report.

Barber Cross Street. The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Rebel Barber & others, for liberty to dig a well in Cross street, reported, That the request ought to be granted upon the following conditions, to wit, That the work shall be done to the satisfaction of the board, & that the well when stoned, shall be securely & properly covered with flat stones & prepared with suitable conveniences to draw water by suction hose, that the City shall be at no expense attending the same, & that the City shall have a right at any time hereafter to use the water from the said well by one or more suction pipes or logs under ground. & further, that said Barber & others, with their heirs, executors, administrators & assigns shall forever save the City harmless from any expenses arising from sinking said well, excepting such as may arise from any use which the City may hereafter make of it. All which is submitted by

J. D. Dyer,
H. J. Oliver. Committee

Read & accepted.

Lamps Ordered, that Aldermen Blake, Bellows & Oliver, be a committee to consider & report upon the expediency of altering the present system of lighting the Street Lamps.

Independence Ordered, that Aldermen Dyer, Welch & Oliver, be a committee of arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of American Independence.

Letter was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, relative to inviting the State & City authorities in celebrating the anniversary of American Independence — whereupon, Independence

Ordered, That the City unite with the State authorities in celebrating the 4th of July, & that the Committee last named make the necessary arrangements.

Application of the "Sons of the Soldiery" for the enlargement of their Armory. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Welsh, to consider & report. Sons Soldiery

Ordered, That Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, be a committee to consider what ought to be done with respect to the Inspection of the Mill Pond stopping up the drains of certain houses on Prince street. Prince st. drains.

Ordered, That the Mayor, & Aldermen Oliver, be a committee upon the subject of the City's right in Winnisimet ferry. Winnisimet ferry.

Ordered, That S. P. Fuller, Surveyor cause a plan of a proposed enlargement of A street leading from Salem street to Pond street, & the Committee of the district to ascertain at what price the land can be purchased. New street.

Petition of John Perry, praying that a Common Sewer may be laid in Ann street, near the head of Union wharf. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver to consider & report. Perry Ann st.

Communication from Samuel A. Hewes Superintendent of burial grounds, relative to the Channel House in the granary burial ground, recommending the same to be used as a tomb for the purpose of burying children. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer and Oliver, to consider and report upon that subject. Hewes Superintendent of burial grounds

Walch
Neck lands,

Petition of Henry Walch, offering to purchase of the City one thousand feet square of Block, beginning at a line west of Washington street. Read & committed to the Committee on Neck lands, to consider & report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up. Concurred.

Rice
Water street.

Notice having been given on the petition of Henry Rice & others, that a common sewer may be made through Water street, Liberty square, Kilby street, & Central street, & no person appearing to object, — thereupon Ordered, that the same be constructed according to the prayer of said petition under the direction of Superintendent of streets & drains.

Building on Streets.

The committee on the subject of requiring owners of land intending to build to give notice of such intention, reported the following order, for the acceptance of the board. Read & accepted, & thereupon Ordered, that all persons hereafter intending to build upon or within ten feet of the line of any street, lane, alley or public place, shall give notice of such intent in writing to the Surveyors of highways, or the City Marshal, fifteen days, at least, before breaking ground, or doing any act for the carrying such intent into effect; & in default thereof, that the City be considered as discharged from all damages of any nature whatsoever resulting from the failure to give notice as above provided; particularly from all such damages or expenses as have been enhanced or occasioned by reason of any thing done, previously to, or without such notice.

Ordered, that the above be published in three newspapers, for three weeks successively.

The committee on the petition of Joseph Bear, praying, that the common sewer in Ann street, be opened & repaired, reported, that an order of notice be issued to all persons whose estates lie between North row & Richmond streets, to appear & shew cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, on Monday next 5 o'Clock PM. — Bear. Ann street.

The committee on the petition of William Vernon to have part of Copps hill dug down, reported that it is inexpedient to grant the same. — Vernon. Copps Hill.

Read & accepted.

The committee on the petition of John G. Flamboro & others praying, that Short street may be continued across Essex street, and that the same be paved, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said pet.r at present. — Flamboro, Short street.

Read & accepted.

The committee on the subject of considering the expediency of taking a strip of land belonging to Elisha Penniman to widen Washington street, reported, that it is expedient to take the same. — Penniman. Washington st.

Read & accepted.

The Mayor reports, on the subject of the procession for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the battle of Bunker hill, & also for laying the corner stone of the monument on said hill. That he ordered thirty Constables on service in addition to the twelve detailed for service at the bridges, that it was found unnecessary to erect any barriers. — Bunker Hill

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'clock P.M.

Thursday June 23rd 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The Mayor - Aldermen Bellows. Dyer, Marshall, Welch & Oliver.

Barber. On the representation of Robert Barber,
Cross street James Wise; & Isaac K. Wise, Ordered, that the condition on which the liberty to sink a well in Cross street is granted, shall be, that the City put in as many suctions as it please, & that the petitioners be restricted to three suctions of an inch & ~~half~~ quarter to be used on the premises now owned by the Petitioners, & not elsewhere.

General meeting Ordered, that the City Clerk issue
Fire depart. a warrant for a general meeting of the Inhabitants in Fanuil Hall, on Thursday the seventh day of July, next, at 10 o'Clock A. M. then & there to take into consideration an act of the Legislature, passed on the 18th instant - entitled "An act establishing a fire department in the City of Boston."

Charlestown street. The committee appointed to cause the wooden building on Charlestown street, belonging to Jacob P. Prat, to be removed forthwith or sell it at public auction reported, that they have caused said building to be sold at public auction & removed. Read & accepted

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'Clock P. M.

Monday June 27th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board, except Alderman Bryant.

Bordman Petition of William H. Bordman for com-
Merchants st. pensation for land taken to widen Merchants street. Read & com. to Aldermen Bellows & Marshall, to consider & report.

Ordered, That Aldermen Carney and Bellows be a committee upon the application of Benjamin M. Nevers, for compensation for land taken to widen Boylston street. — Benjamin M. Nevers. Boylston st.

Mr. Savage came up with a message from the Common Council proposing a convention of the City Council, in the Common Council room this day at 4 o'Clock for the choice of a City Treasurer. — Convention proposed.

Alderman Welsh was charged with a message to inform the Common Council, that the board of Aldermen concur in the proposition to form a convention at the time & for the purpose above expressed. — Aldermen concur.

Convention.

Agreeably to assignment the two branches of the City Council met in Convention, in the Common Council Chamber, for the purpose of electing by ballot, a City Treasurer, Collector, & the votes being taken, it appeared that William Mackay, Esquire was chosen. — City Treasurer.

The business of the Convention being accomplished the two boards severaled.

Ordered, That the City Clerk notify William Mackay, Esquire; that he has been duly ~~notified~~ elected City Treasurer & Collector for the year ensuing. — City Treasurer to be notified.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded to elect by ballot a Health Commissioner, & the votes being taken it appeared that Thomas Jackson, Esquire, was chosen. — Health Com.r

They also proceeded to elect by ballot a Superintendent of burying grounds, & the votes being taken it appeared — Superintendent of burying grounds.

passed

211. heard that Samuel M. Hewes, Esquire was chosen.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred;

Consulting Physicians

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded to the choice by ballot of five Consulting Physicians, & the votes being taken, it appeared, that Doctors Thomas Welsh, John C. Warren, James Jackson, John Gorham & Horace Bean were chosen.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Overseers of poor

The Committee of the City Council to whom was referred the memorial of the Overseers of the Poor of the 23d of May last, report, That the subject matter of that memorial has relation to the resolves of the City Council of the 12th of May, last, concerning which the Overseers declare that "they do not feel authorized to Co-operate in the measures there proposed;" "that they could not feel justified in relinquishing to the Directors of the House of Industry any of the tasks assigned to them by law;" and that they could not "Consent to grant the permits as contemplated by said resolves", and notify the City Council, that unless a house is provided to which the overseers can remove paupers, the City will be exposed to great expense". The tenor of this memorial was of a character indicating in the opinion of your Committee so great a misapprehension of the rights & duties of the said overseers, & this misapprehension would if acquiesced in by the City Council result in consequences at once so serious & embarrassing, that they deemed it proper to put those rights & duties, at once, as far as was possible beyond all doubt or question by laying the whole subject of Controversy between the Overseers of the poor & the City Council,

before

before Counsel learned in the law, selecting such as had the greatest reputation in the City, & whose opinion would as it was hoped be conclusive with the Overseers, & certainly with the public. Your committee therefore caused the Chairman to address the "letter of the 4th of June, instant, to the Hon: William Prescott, Charles Jackson and Daniel Webster, Esquires; this letter the documents accompanying, & the "opinion" of those three distinguished jurists, all of which are subjoined to this report, constitutes all that your Committee deem it necessary to state on the subject committed to them, & in conformity to the suggestions contained in that "opinion" of the learned Counsel, your committee report the following Resolves, which are respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman

Resolved, that the overseers of the poor, be and they hereby are directed to cause all persons who from the nature of the illness under which they labour or of the accident which has befallen them, are incapable, without endangering life to be removed from the place where they are, to be relieved & supported in such place, until they are capable so to be removed, & as soon as they are capable of being removed the said Overseers are directed to cause them forthwith to be removed for further relief & support to the House of Industry.

Resolved, that the Overseers of the poor be & they hereby are directed as it respects those householders & others, who in their opinion require partial relief, & who may be rendered more comfortable, by a small supply at their own houses, than by being wholly supported in a poor House, to grant such partial relief & small supply of necessaries at their own houses.

Resolved, that the overseers of the poor be & they hereby are directed to see that all poor & indigent persons having lawful settlement in the City of Boston, & standing in need of relief, other than those belonging to the classes specified in the two preceding resolves to be suitably relieved, supported & employed in the House of Industry, according to the regulations, & under the superintendence of the Directors of said House. Read & accepted, & the resolves passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council ordered, that the same Committee be instructed to have the resolves & documents printed & distributed for the information of the Inhabitants. They further ordered, that the City Clerk give notice to the Overseers of the poor by furnishing each member of that board with an attested copy of said report & resolves. Came up for concurrence.

Read and Concurred.

Amory
Rainsford lane

Memorial of Jonathan Amory, for liberty to fill up a piece of dock near his wharf at the bottom of Rainsford lane, so called, on Front street, or purchase the City's right in & to the same. Read & committed to Aldermen Tarney & Bellows, to consider & report.

Loring
Temple st.

Petition of Charles G. Loring, Gothic, praying that the elevation of Temple street, between Derne and Sumner streets may be determined in order, that the owners of estates on that part of said street may lay their side walks. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report.

Smith
Sudbury st.

Petition of Benjamin Smith praying liberty to put a suction into the well in Sudbury street, for the purpose of furnishing his estate in Dislet's Court square, with water

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he praying for the same. Read & committed to Alder- 217.
men Blake & Marshall to consider & report.

Application of Engine Company No. 2. with the approbation of the Firewards for an additional number of six men to be attached to said engine. Read & thereupon Ordered, that the prayer thereof be granted. Engine No. 2.

Petition of Joseph Bear and P. Wainwright Esqrs. that the Common sewer in Ann street be taken up & repaired, notice having been given to all persons to appear at this time & object. And now Mathias Crocker & George Harris appear & object. Thereupon ordered, that the subject be referred to Mr. Patterson, the Superintendent of Streets & drains, who is hereby authorized to open & repair the same, if he shall find it stopped. Bear Ann Street

Application of John Sears, for a license to keep a Circus, for the purpose of exhibiting wooden horses & to teach the art of riding, at his riding School in Carver street near Eutaw street. Read & the license granted, for one month, paying therefor five dollars. Sears Wooden horses

The Committee on the application of John Perry, to open a drain in Ann street, reported, that there is no necessity of any order being taken thereon, excepting that the applicant be directed forthwith by the proper authority to lead his water from the cellar of his store in the best way he can. Perry Ann Street.

Read and accepted.

An order relative to specific appropriations. Came up for concurrence. Appropriations.

Read & concurred.

Annual tax

An order to raise a sum of money to pay the current expenses of the City of Boston, & the County of Suffolk, the ensuing year. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Deposits by the Treasurer

Order of the Common Council directing the City Treasurer to continue his deposits in behalf of the City & County, at the City bank, provided, said bank will receive such money as may now be, in the Treasury, or may be received by the Treasurer to receive for taxes, if offered, such bills as may at the time be current in the City; & pay out for all drafts of the City & County Treasurer, or any other Agent of the City authorized to make drafts for the same, in gold, silver, or bills of the Boston banks only, & allow on said deposits the same rate of interest as they have allowed the past year, & in case the City bank shall decline receiving & paying the moneys of the City & County as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make said deposits with such bank within this City as will agree to receive them, for the time above named; & pay as before directed, & allow the most favourable terms as respects interest, on the deposits; provided it be not less than is now allowed by the City bank.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Salaries

An order to establish the compensation of the Mayor, and other officers of the City of Boston, and County of Suffolk. Read and passed in concurrence with the Common Council, with an amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up non-concurred. Reconsidered, and this board concur with the Common Council, & pass the order.

Ordered, that Aldermen Blake, Welsh and Oliver with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to consider the legality of the Clerk of the Common Council being appointed Assistant Clerk of the City. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Savage, Deaton, Moore, Aldan & Washburn.

Assistant City Clerk

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday June 30. 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present The whole board except Alderman Blake.

Order of the Common Council committing the Petition of Amos Binney, praying that such alterations may be made in Hancock & Summer streets, as will remedy the evils by him stated to be committed by the Surveyors of highways, in the year 1824, in determining the level of said streets near his houses — to Messrs Parker, Thayer & Aldan with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read & non concurred

Binney

Hancock & Summer St.

Petition of Benjamin Crombie, stating that he has erected five dwelling houses on a new street, leading from Oliver to Hamilton streets; & prays that said street may be regulated, & put in order, that the side walks may be laid, & the street named. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake and Marshall, to consider and report.

Crombie

Edge stone

Ordered, That Aldermen Carney, Bellows & Oliver be a committee to consider & report, upon the price of laying edge stone & paving the side walks.

Ann Street drain

Mr Patterson Superintendent of streets & drains reports, that the drain in Ann Street, & the common sewer across the street opposite City Court are full, and insufficient in point of size. Whereupon Ordered, That the said Superintendent cause the same to be rebuilt of proper size, as far as the same shall be found insufficient under the direction of the committee of that district.

Ann Street drain between Cross & Richmond streets

Ordered, That public notice be given, to all persons whose estates bound on Ann street between Cross & Richmond streets, to appear on Tuesday next, 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why the common sewer across Ann street opposite City Court & the docks should not be taken up & rebuilt, & the expense thereof apposed upon those who shall be benefitted thereby.

Waters Cedar Street

Petition of Isaac Waters, praying that a street leading from Chesnut street to Summer street be hereafter known & called Cedar street, & recorded as such. Read and committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider and report.

Bryant & Sturgis Elms house estate

Petition of Bryant & Sturgis stating that they are ready to receive a deed of the "Elms house estate," & praying that a committee may be appointed to approve the securities by them offered, in payment of the balance of the purchase money. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Bellows, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Gray, Coolidge & Hallet.

Ordered, that the Common Council appoint- Hay weighing
ing Messrs Curtis Washburn & Moses, with such as the
Board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider
whether the City Council will adopt any & what ordinance
on the subject of hay weighing, pursuant to the Statute
of the 24th of February 1825. Report. Came up for con
currence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Carney & Oliver
are joined.

Petition of William Lawrence, that a Lawrence
drain or common sewer in North Square may be opened North square.
& repaired, & all persons who shall be benefitted thereby be
assessed according to law. Ordered, that all persons inter
ested be notified to appear before this board on tuesday next
at 4 o'clock P. M. & object to the same, if they see cause.

The committee on the petition of Ben Smith
jamin Smith, praying that he may have liberty to put a
suction into the well in Sudbury street, reported, that the
prayer of said petition ought not to be granted.

Read & accepted.

Order of the Common Council directing Receipts &
the Auditor of accounts statement of the receipts & expenditures expenditures
of the past year, & the estimate of the amount necessary to be rais
ed for the expenditure of the ensuing year, together with the
documents accompanying, to be committed to the Committee of
finance, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to
prepare a report of the receipts & expenditures of the City of
Boston & County of Suffolk, the past municipal year, together
with a particular statement of all City property, & to publish
& distribute the same for the information of the Inhabitants.

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Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Bryant and Welsh are joined. —

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Myrtle st.

Petition of Calvin Page & others proprietors of Estates on the westerly end of Myrtle street, praying that no alteration be made by lowering said street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider and report.

Adjourned to tuesday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Tuesday July 5. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The whole board except Alderman Marshall.

Lawrence
North square

Notice having been given on the petition of William Lawrence, that the Common sewer in North square, may be taken up, repaired, & relaid, & all persons interested, may be appeared their respective proportions according to law; several persons appeared to object, & after a full hearing it is thereupon Ordered, that said Common sewer be taken up, & repaired by the Superintendent of streets & drains, under the directions of the Committee of this district.

Ann st.
drain

Ordered, that Mr. Patterson superintendent of streets & drains cause the drain in Ann street extending from & around No. 148 Ann street & the Common sewer across the street opposite City Court be taken up & repaired, & rebuilt of a proper size, the same to be done under the direction of the Committee of the district. Notice having been given agreeable to an order of this board.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'clock P. M.

Thursday July 7. 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present — The whole Board, except Aldermen Blake, Bellows & Marshall.

Petition of Elisha Penniman & Joseph Whitney, praying that the drain or common sewer in Beacon Street may be taken up, boxed with clay & raised. Read & committed to ~~Aldermen~~ the Mayor, to consider and report. — Penniman Beacon St.

Petition of Ebenezer Smith to purchase a piece of land on Merrimac Street, containing about two hundred feet. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Jenno, Fuller & Fennelly. Smith Merrimac St.

Petition of John Sanders, stating that he has expended five hundred dollars, in filling up a dock on Front Street, for his own use & conveniences to be used as a wharf at the pleasure of the City, that he is much annoyed by certain out houses, & prays that the same may be removed. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Stevens, J. Simonds & Morey. Sanders Front St.

Petition of the New North Religious Soc for compensation for land which they propose to widen Hanover Street, by taking away the steps in front of their meeting house. Read & Committed to Aldermen Dyer, Bryant & River to consider & report. New North R. Soc

Gould. Friend St.

Petition of Thomas Gould, praying that the elevation of Friend street may be determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver to consider & report.

Tileston Front St.

Petition of Timothy Tileston, & Marquis F. Joselyn to purchase a piece of land or flat, bounding on Front Street. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, with such as the Common Council may join to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up, concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Frothingham, Vose & Fisher.

Ward Summer St.

Petition of William H. Ward, praying that the drain or common sewer may be lowered sufficient to enable him to drain his Cellar in Summer street. Read & committed to the Mayor, to consider & report.

Kenrick Bedford St.

Petition of John Kenrick, praying that the lower end of Bedford Street may be widened. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall to consider & report.

Waters Chesnut St.

The committee on the petition of Isaac Waters, that a name may be given to a new street leading from Chesnut street to Summer Street, reported, that it is not expedient to give a name to said street.

Read & accepted.

Odin S. Allen St.

Petition of George Odin, & others, owners and occupiers of estates on South Allen Street, praying that a drain or common sewer may be laid in said Street, & through Bloom Street to Vine Street. Read & thereupon Ordered, That when said Street shall be granted to the City according to the

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terms intended, the City will take measures to have a common sewer constructed.

Petition of William Underwood praying leave to insert a leaden tube under the side walk of No 4 Battery March Street, to the house occupied by Mr Turner at No 2, said Street. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Blake and Marshall to consider and report. Underwood Battery March Street.

The Superintendent of Streets & drains reported, that agreeable to an order of this Board, he has caused a well to be sunk in Sudbury street, stoned up & covered with a flat stone, & hole for the use of a suction hose, in case of fire, cost of the well $63 37/100; he has also caused a lead pipe measuring six hundred, twenty & half feet to be laid from said well to the stable belonging to the City, with a good & sufficient pump; cost of pipe & pump $601 88/100, amounting in the whole to $665 25/100.

Read & referred to the Mayor with instructions to give an order to pay the cost of the same. Well Sudbury St.

The committee upon the petition of Henry Sweetser, for compensation for land taken to widen Temple & Dirne streets, reported, that they have not been able to agree upon the subject of damage. Read & thereupon Ordered, that Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Oliver be added to said Committee. Sweetser Temple & Dirne Streets.

The superintendent of streets & drains reports, that he has caused two hundred & fifteen feet of the Common sewer in Salem street, petitioned for by Caleb Eddy, to be relaid, that the whole cost amounts to $198 22/100.

Read & committed to the Mayor. Eddy Salem St.

Licenses

Ordered, that the City Clerk give public notice that the Board of Aldermen will on Thursday next at 7 o'Clock P. M. grant renewal of licenses to such Innholders, Victuallers, Retailers & Confectioners as were licensed the last year, & against whom there has not been any complaint for the violation of the license law.

Hospital
Rainsford Island

Ordered, that Aldermen Walsh & Oliver be a committee to make an estimate of the expense of building an Hospital on Rainsford Island.

Island keeper

Moses L. Hobart was nominated Island keeper, at Hospital Island.

Hammond
Ann Street.

The Superintendent of streets & drains reported, that he has caused a drain to be laid sixteen inches square & one hundred & two feet in length (at one dollar & twenty cents per foot) in Ann street, petitioned for by Hammond; he has also caused a log with a hollow plug to be laid from the cellar to the drain. The whole cost $ 149. 15/100. Read & accepted, & referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'Clock P. M.

Monday July 11th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board, except Alderman Marshall.

Davis & Chapman
Roxbury

Resolved, that the City will indemnify Isaac P. Davis & Henry Chapman & Co. late tenants of one of the Roxbury walks at the bottom of the Common, & save them harmless from any action which may be brought against them or either of

of them, for the rent of said walks, the same being owned by the City.

Ordered, that the Mayor & Aldermen Penniman Blake, be a committee to take measures in order to obtain possession of Elisha Penniman's land taken to widen Washington street, agreeably to a vote of this board of the 21st. ultimo. Washington St.

Mr. Williams came up with a mes sage from the Common Council requesting that the order relative to contending reservoirs may be sent down, & the same was sent to the Common Council accordingly. Reservoirs

Ordered, that the Mayor cause sur veys to be made of such heads of water in the vicinity of the City, as may be thought necessary, for the purpose of introducing fresh water into the City. Water

Ordered, that the Committees of the several districts, take measures to ascertain the concealed wells in the several streets that have curb stones placed upon the tops of the same, for the purpose of using the water in case of fire. Wells in streets.

The board confirmed the nomination of Moses L. Hobart, & he was appointed Island Keeper, accordingly. Island Keeper

Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants require, that the spaces within forms the junction of Causeway, Charlestown & Bond streets be filled up, & that the same be done under the direction of the Committee of the district, by the Boston Mill Corporation. Causeway, Charlestown & Bond streets.

Robbins Milk & Congress Streets.

Ordered, That the Mayor & Alderman Blake, be a Committee to determine the elevation of the street, & where Dr. E. H. Robbins, 2nd. shall lay his side walk at the corner of Milk & Congress streets.

Flats near Washington St.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Stevens, Richardson & Ware, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a Committee to consider & report some practicable plan by which the City's flats, lying within the southern boundary, west of Washington street, might be put in a state of improvement. Sale. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Carney & Bellows are joined.

Orator 4th July.

Order of the Common Council requesting the Mayor & Aldermen to present the thanks of the City to Charles Sprague, Esq. for the elegant & spirited oration delivered by him, on the fourth day of July, at the request of the City, upon the anniversary of American Independence, & to request a Copy for the press.

Also that the Mayor & board of Aldermen be requested to appoint a suitable gentleman to deliver an oration on the next anniversary of American Independence, wherein shall be considered, the manners, feelings & principles which led to that auspicious event.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Treasurer to borrow money.

Ordered, the Common Council authorizing the Treasurer to borrow for the use of the City a sum of money not exceeding one hundred & twenty thousand dollars, at such times, & at such rates of interest as the Committee of finance may approve, reimbursable out of the tax of the present

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year. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Petition of Elijah Spare, praying, Spare
that the drains may be opened in order to drain the water Elliot St.
from the cellars of estates situated on Elliot street. Read and
committed to Aldermen Carney and Bellows, to consider
and report.

Application of William Minot, Esq. Hancock
Attorney to John Hancock, praying, that the claim for land Temple St.
taken to extend Temple street may be liquidated by a jury
or referees. Read & thereupon ordered, that said Hancock
be offered twenty five cents a square foot for said land.

Application of the Directors of the House of
House of Industry, to occupy the room in Faneuil Hall, Industry.
formerly occupied by the board of Wealth. Read and the
prayer thereof granted.

Petition of Ward Jackson & others Jackson
residents on Cambridge street, praying that the drain in Sd Cambridge St.
street, running under West Boston bridge may be extended
to the channel. Read & thereupon ordered, that notice be
given to all persons interested, to appear on Thursday next,
11 o'clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have, why the
said drain or common sewer should not be so extended
& the expense thereof assessed upon those who shall be
benefitted thereby.

Communication from John Cotton, by order Cotton
in behalf of the purchasers of a lot of land at the head of Purchase St
Liverpool wharf on which they intend to erect a church, pray-
ing that the width of that part of Purchase street over

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be determined. Read & thereupon ordered, that the whole board will attend on Wednesday next, 8 o'clock A. M. upon the premises, for the purpose of determining the same.

Auctioneers

The following persons were nominated & appointed Auctioneers for one year, commencing on the first instant viz: Henry P. Andrews, George Bond, Samuel Blake, John A. Bacon, James Bourguin, Jno. M. Baker, Stephen Brown, Henry L. Billings, George G. Channing, Perashus Clap, A. H. Coolidge, Joseph L. Cunningham, Thomas Clarke, Daniel Durell, William Dehon, George L. Deblois, Thomas English, John Fairfield, Silas Field, Francis C. Head, Nath.l M. Heywood, Caleb Hayward, Daniel Hersey, David Hale, Thomas K. Jones, Ephraim Lock, George Noble, Jacob Peabody, Luther Parks, Elisha Parks, John W. Parker, Benjamin Poor, Frink Shatton, Benjamin Seaver, Joel Smith, John Tyler, Samuel Whitwell, Jr. Francis Welby, Jno. C. White, Henry White, Nathaniel H. Whitaker & Ephraim Whitney.

Fire depart.t

The proceedings of a General meeting of the Citizens held at Faneuil Hall, on the seventh instant, to consider & take the question by yeas & nays upon the acceptance & adoption of an act of the Legislature passed on the 18th of June A. D. 1825, entitled "An act establishing a fire department in the City of Boston." The same was decided in the affirmative. The said proceedings as also the act therein referred to, being read & considered, thereupon ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Blake and Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to take into consideration the regulation of a fire department in the City of Boston, & report on the

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same, by ordinance or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Williams, Barry, Boies, & Wiley.

Lamps Lighting &c.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering the present system of lighting the street lamps, made a report, which was read and thereupon ordered, that the same be committed to Aldermen Blake, Bellows & Oliver with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence Came up concurred & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Lodge, Stevens, Fuller, & Goddard.

Mayor's Message Georges & Lovells Islands.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I have the honour to state, that in conformity with your authority contained in your resolve of the 16th of May, last, the arrangements for the sale & delivery of George's & Lovell's Islands to the United States have been completed.

A deed of those Islands has been executed on the part of the City, & six thousand dollars, being the whole of the purchase money have been paid into the Treasury of the City, by the United States. I have also the great ~~satisfaction~~ gratification to state to the City Council that prompt & energetic measures are in train, under the auspices of the Secretary at War, which it cannot be doubted will forthwith place that Island so important for the protection of our outer harbour, in a state of complete preservation.

Josiah Quincy.

Read & Sent down.

Knapp Watch house Washington st.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of selling the Watch house on Washington street, respectfully report, That they have agreed with Josiah Knapp, Esqr. to sell to him, subject to the acceptance or rejection of the City Council, all the right, title & interest of the City in & to the drain leading from Washington street to the harbour, or low water mark, & to the land under the same, the said drain passing under the Watch house, there situated, & being through its whole extent six feet wide, more or less; with the exception of the part crossing Front street, on the following conditions.

1. The said Knapp to pay in cash, on the execution of the deeds, one thousand dollars.

2. The condition of the deed to be, that the said Knapp, his heirs & assigns shall maintain forever hereafter a drain or water course of the present size, dimensions & materials viz: of Plank, ~~floor~~, sides & top of timber, all properly secured, not less than four feet wide in the clear, nor less than four & an half feet high on the inside, to be covered on the top with timber & stones, except at such places where it may be thought necessary to have a space, or opening for ventilations; & will keep the same in repair clear & free from obstructions so that the water may always have out freely from the drain aforementioned, which runs from Washington street through the said water course; at the expense of said Knapp.

3. That the said water course so far as it crosses Front street be kept in repair by the City; but the said Knapp shall also keep this part clear & free from

obstruction.

obstructions in manner above mentioned.

4. That in case of an extension of the land on the east erly side of Front street, the said Knapp his heirs and Watch house Washington St.
assigns shall extend the said drain, & keep the same in like manner in repair & clear at his own proper expense so far as the same crosses his land to low-water marke.

5. That the said Knapp his heirs & assigns shall maintain & keep a valve at his & their expense; the whole to be done & fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Mayor & Aldermen for the time being; & in case of the neglect or refusal of the said Knapp his heirs & assigns to keep the said water course in repair & clear as aforesaid, & the said valve in good order, the privilege & right above to him granted shall revert to the City.

6. That the City shall have a right to & in any person to examine the state of said drain, whenever they may deem it expedient, & also to have a right to cross the course of said drain with as many streets as they may choose, in case the same be extended.

7. That the said Knapp, shall have a right to the manure, or other loose substance, which may be washed into said drain, or shall otherwise lodge therein, & may straiten the drain between Washington & Front street, in his own land, if he see fit.

8. That the City Watch house shall be removed from the premises within six months from this date. All which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted, & that the Mayor be authorized to carry the same into effect. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Harris Greenough's alley

The committee appointed to consider the application of Isaac Harris, & others, for the widening of Greenough's alley, so called, at the North section of the City, have viewed the premises, & do report, That from examination, said alley was laid down in the plan of the town in 1707, as running through from Charter street to Lynn street, the width not stated, but in the book of Records of the streets, said alley is laid down at the opening into Lynn street, as being six feet, nine inches in width, since which a fence has been put up in the centre of said alley, running in extent from Lynn street, about sixty feet, whereby a passage for an engine into a very populous section of the City, where there are many wooden buildings is entirely prevented. the quantity of land taken is about two hundred feet, it is claimed by Philip Wentworth, Esq. says, if the City authorities decide to take it, they of course must have it, paying damages as in similar cases made & provided. The petitioners allege the said passage has been open, free & unobstructed for a period of more than sixty years; how this is, your committee will not undertake to decide, but as to the necessity of its being taken for a public passageway there can be no doubt, & your committee recommend that the committee of the district, be ordered to cause the said fence or obstruction to be removed forthwith. Thomas Welsh Jun. for the committee

Read & accepted, & ordered accordingly.

State house wall

The Mayor, to whom was referred the subject of repairing the State house wall, reports That having had an interview with His Excellency Levi Lincoln, & a committee of the Hon. Council, it was stated

to him by those Gentlemen, that it was in contemplation of the Legislature to make an arrangement with Cornelius Coolidge Esq. owner of the land on the western side of the State House, whereby a new line of fence on the western side might become requisite & connected with this a new line in front might probably be deemed expedient, & that under these circumstances it would be probably most for the interest of the State, that the City should postpone building the line of fence on the easterly side, until the proceedings relative to the fence on the west & south sides or lines should be determined. And that in the mean time the City should cause the fence which has fallen down & the bank which has slidden off so to be covered with boards as to prevent any further injury by rain & weather until the whole arrangement of the fences should be able to be carried on cotemporaniously. All which is submitted.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Read & accepted, & ordered, that the committee of the district be instructed to put up the necessary covering to secure the bank & wall.

Resolved, that the board will on Wednesday next at 9 o'Clock A.M. proceed to examine the new street, running at right angles with North & South Market streets, and if deemed expedient to continue the same sixty five feet wide to the Long Wharf.

New Street to Long wharf

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P.M.

Thursday July 14th 1825.

Met according to adjournm.t

Present The whole board except Aldermen Blake and Marshall.

Bryant & Sturgis Alms house estate.

The committee on the petition of Bryant & Sturgis, having duly attended to the subject, ask leave to report, that they have had a personal conference with those Gentlemen, who propose as a temporary arrangement for securing the payment of the sum of ninety thousand dollars, due from them to the City, in pursuance of their contract for the purchase of the Alms house estate, to give to the City government a promissory note of hand, for the entire sum executed by them the said Bryant & Sturgis, & Whitwell & Bond & Company, jointly & severally, payable on demand with interest, at the rate of five per cent. per annum; & as collateral security for the payment of said sum, that there shall be conveyed to the said City government in mortgage, the following parcels of real estate in Boston, to wit, the Mansion house & estate now occupied by said Sturgis, situated in Summer street, the dwelling house & appurtenances now occupied by said Bond in Winthrop place; the new dwelling house now building by the said Bryant, situated on Beacon street; & the dwelling house of said Whitwell, situated in Winthrop place; it being understood however that inasmuch as said Whitwell is now absent from the City, so that his mortgage deed cannot now be obtained, the City government shall dispense with the conveyance of the last mentioned estate, until the return of the said Whitwell to the City; it being also understood that the said Bryant & Sturgis shall in addition

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to the security above proposed, give to the City government, within a reasonable time, the mortgage deeds of sundry persons, to whom they have already sold certain lots of land, being part of said Elms house estate, amounting to about the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

And it being the opinion of your committee that the security above proposed is abundantly sufficient; they therefore recommend, that on receiving the conveyances in mortgage of the before mentioned estates of William Stengis in Summer street, of George Bond in Winthrop place, & John Bryant in Beacon street, & the promissory note of Bond as before mentioned, the Mayor should forthwith cause a deed of the said Elms house estate to be executed & delivered to the said Bryant & Stengis. A

Geo. Blake per order.

Read & accepted, & ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to execute the deed & receive the securities. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, with the following amendment at A. insert "Provided, that the said four estates be insured to the full value of forty thousand dollars, & that the Policies be secured to the City during the continuance of this temporary arrangement.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Petition of Benjamin Bosworth, Jun. & others, stating that the wood sheds & out buildings at & attached to the buildings lately erected on Castle street, & Orange Place; by Cushing Nichols, Benjamin & Hiram Bosworth are set a few inches over the line on Castle street, & praying that the same may remain as they now are

Bosworth & others Castle st. & Orange place.

are, until the public convenience shall require them to be removed. Read & the prayer thereof not granted, & thereupon ordered, that the committee of the district cause the buildings to be removed over the line of the street.

Greenleaf & Ann street.

Petition of Daniel Greenleaf, & others owners & occupiers of buildings head of Ann street, praying, that the drain or water course leading under the store of John Odin, may be altered so that part of the water which now comes to the drain in the Market may be led through the same, & thereby prevent their Cellar from being overflowed. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report.

Appleton Prince street.

Petition of Charles Appleton & Joshua Nash, praying that the drain or Common sewer leading from Prince street thro' the passage way to the Mill Pond, may be opened & repaired, in the usual manner Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer and Oliver to consider and report.

Child Kilby & Central Streets

Petition of David W. Child, praying, that the elevation of the side walk on the east side of Kilby street, & the north side of Central street, may be determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows, & Welsh, to consider & report.

Sea wall & flats west of Charles street.

The committee appointed to consider & report upon the expediency of building a sea wall on the western & southern boundary of the City's land & flats west of Charles street, & also upon the expediency of levelling and filling up the said lands & flats, & to report the estimated expense Report, that in the opinion of your committee it

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is inexpedient to erect a Sea wall at present. It is however presumed that the principle object of the City Council in the appointment of this Committee, was, to establish some durable monuments along upon the western line of the City's lands so conspicuous as to mark distinctly the said boundary; for this purpose we recommend that posts of suitable length & size be firmly placed at proper distances upon the boundary line, west of Charles street, as designated by the survey & plan of S. P. Fuller, so that they cannot be easily removed; leaving the more southern boundary to future consideration as it did not appear to your committee to be a subject embraced by their appointment.

In regard to the second object (that of filling up the flats) your Committee have carefully examined the premises, & find upon the borders of Charles street, great quantities of rubbish of various kinds, & in many places considerable bodies of stagnant water, both of which are offensive to the sight, & in the opinion of this Committee will greatly endanger the health of the City, all these should be removed without delay.

There being a considerable body of earth upon what is called Fox hill, we would recommend that such part of this earth as can be spared with other dirt be removed on to the western boundary of Charles street, so as to leave such a descent that the water will pass off into the Channel, & to continue the existing drains as far as will be necessary to discharge their contents beyond what is proposed to be filled up. & that every thing offensive on the said lands be removed so as

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to leave a smooth & neat surface. In regard to the expenses, your committee could not be expected to make an estimate with great precision, but have ventured to fix them at two thousand dollars. John Bellows, Chairman.

In Common Council read, and thereupon

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars, be & the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of levelling & filling up the land, owned by the City on the west side of Charles street, & that the Mayor & Aldermen cause the same to be done as soon as convenient. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Jackson Cambridge st.

Notice having been given on the petition of Ward Jackson, & others, praying that the drain or common sewer may be continued under West Boston Bridge to the Channel, for all persons to appear at this time and object to the same. And now no person appearing to object; it is ordered, that the prayer thereof be granted, & the execution thereof be postponed to the next meeting, & reported to the Mayor in the mean time.

Perry Ann Street.

The committee on the petition of John Perry, to open a drain in Ann street, reported, an order to all persons whose estates lie on Ann street, between Clark street & Battery Alley, to appear before this board on monday next, 7 o'Clock, P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why said common sewer should not be opened, & repaired, & the expense thereof assessed on those who shall receive benefit thereby. Read & accepted & Ordered accordingly.

Elliot, Corner of Warren Street.

Spare

The committee on the petition of Elijah Spare, reported, an order that all persons whose estates bound on

Elliot

Eliot, Carver, & Warren streets, west of Common Street, be notified to appear before this board, on Monday, next, 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why the Common sewer should not be opened & repaired, & the expense thereof assessed upon those who shall receive benefit thereby.

Lord's day.

An ordinance to prevent the disturbing of religious societies on the LORD's day, by the driving of carriages through the streets during Divine service.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & non concurred.

Washington St.

Upon the representation of Alderman Goddard, Carney, that the drain leading from Washington street is doing damage to the estate of Benjamin Goddard, Thereupon ordered, that the committee of the district cause the same to be repaired by the Superintendent of streets & drains.

Constables.

Ordered, that the Mayor & Aldermen Welsh, be a committee to consider & report upon the duties of Constables.

Hanover Street.

Ordered, that the Mayor be a committee to consider & report, upon the subject of encroachment upon Hanover street, by the building of the stone Church.

Purchase Street.

The board proceeded to view Purchase street upon which there is now erecting a congregational Church, relative to widening the same, according to the request of John Cotton Esq. in behalf of the Proprietors of said Church; and they are of opinion that it is inexpedient for the board to take any land from said proprietors for that purpose.

Bordman
Burchan St.

The committee appointed to consider & report, upon the damages claimed of the City, by William H. Bordman, for land taken from him to widen Burchan street, & also upon the subject of about three hundred feet of drain laid by him in said street. Report, that the said Bordman agrees to convey to the City by good & sufficient title, his rights to said drain, reserving only to himself, the privilege of entering the said drain for the benefit of his estate, which he now owns on said Burchan street, granting also to the City the right of continuing the drain leading from the Boylston School House, through his estate, connecting it with the drain first mentioned. granting also to the City, the right of entering at all times upon his premises for the purpose of viewing & repairing the Boylston School drain. And the said Bordman further agrees to convey to the City by good & sufficient title about seven hundred feet of land in front of his estates on said street. For all which the said Bordman agrees to receive from the City, the sum of four hundred & twenty five dollars as full & complete satisfaction for all the aforesaid damages, privileges & grants. Your committee therefore recommend that said sum be paid to him the said Bordman on his executing the necessary deeds of conveyance.

All which is respectfully submitted. J. Bellows, Chairman

Read & accepted, & referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

Holland, Swanton & New Street.

Ordered, That the City Clerk notify the Widow, Heirs of John Holland, deceased, Benjamin Swanton, & all other persons interested, that the Mayor & Aldermen as surveyors of the highways, will on Thursday the 28th instant, at 8 o'Clock

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& &c. on the premises, & procede to lay out & continue the street sixty five feet wide, running at right angles with South & North Market streets, southerly on to the Long wharf, and for that purpose will take order for the removal of stores No 9 & 11 Long wharf, said to belong to the widow Heirs of said Holland, & the said Sweetser, by publishing a Copy of this order in two or more newspapers printed in the City, that all persons interested may then & there appear & object, if they see cause.

Licenses renewed.

Ordered, that all persons who were licensed the last year, & against whom no complaint has been made, & who apply therefor, be licensed the present year. Where there is any objection the same be referred to the Mayor.

Side walks.

Ordered, that Alderman Blake, Bryant & Oliver, be a committee to consider & report the principles, that the City will be guided in accepting from individuals their side walks.

Hand house & Tombs.

Ordered, that Alderman Welsh be added to the committee upon the subject of a channel house and tombs.

New North R. S.o Hanover St.

The committee on the petition of the New North Religious society for remuneration for land thrown into Hanover street, in front of their Church reported, that it is expedient for the City to allow said society one hundred fifty dollars, for the land that will be vacated by the contemplated improvements, & that said sum be paid them on receiving a deed of said land. Read & accepted

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Monday July 18th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The whole board, except Aldermen Blake and Marshall.

Broad street. The City Marshal made a communication upon the state & condition of Broad street, & other streets in the vicinity, in respect to vaults for the accommodation of the Inhabitants of that section, stating the names of the owners of the several estates there, which have no vaults or privies. Read & thereupon Ordered, by a unanimous vote, that all persons the owners or Agents of the estates mentioned in said communication be notified in writing to cause vaults or privies to be made of sufficient capacity & in proportion to the number of Inhabitants of each tenement or building mentioned in said communication sunk under ground, within thirty days from this date, & in case of neglect thereof, that the Mayor & Aldermen will proceed forthwith, according to the laws of this Commonwealth, & also as provided in by a section of an ordinance of the City Council relating to the subject matter hereof, & that the said section of the said ordinance be transcribed & transmitted to each of said owners or agents.

Side-walks Paving. The committee on the subject of entering into contract for paving & laying side walks, for the present municipal year, report, For all new paving sixty cents, and for all old paving thirty cents per square yard, stock included, Owners finding the loads of gravel, & to every hundred square yards, & where there is a less quantity than this used, the City to be allowed the difference, & where there is a larger

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quantity is used, pavers to be allowed whatever gravel costs. For setting all edge stones, for any quantity of one hundred fifty feet, & upwards in length, or where the whole job in any one place exceeds this quantity, eight cents per running foot. For laying all side walks flat wise of above extent, at the rate of sixteen & two thirds cents per square yard. For all edge stones for any quantity between seventy five & one hundred & fifty feet in extent, or where the whole job in any one place does not exceed one hundred & fifty feet, ten cents per running foot, & twenty cents per square yard, for laying side walks. All edge stones where the job is less than seventy five feet in extent twelve cents per foot, & for laying side walks per square yard twenty five cents. And that these prices apply to individuals, but the lowest named rates where the work is on City account. Price for sand for side walks one dollar per load, or as much less as sand costs. For all extra digging from 8 to 8/6 per day.

All which is submitted. Dan'l Carney Pr. order.

Read & accepted.

Ordered, that there be paid to Sedidiah Tuttle, for land taken to widen Summer street, fifty nine dollars, upon his giving a quit claim deed of the same. Tuttle Summer St.

The committee upon the petition of Daniel Greenleaf, & others, that the water course running under the store of John Odin, in dock square may be re-opened, Reported, that it is inexpedient to reopen the same, & that the Committee have given such directions touching the premises as will under proper care remedy the evil complained of. Read & accepted. Greenleaf Dock square.

Noyes

Petition of Jacob Wyatt Noyes, praying that the situation of a new street, leading west from Pleasant street, may be determined as a large block of buildings is about to be erected thereon. Read & the board is of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the same, said street not being a public street.

Amory

Petition of Jonathan Amory, praying leave to purchase the City's right to a certain dock near Front street. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney and Bellows, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Frothingham, Vose & Fisher.

Binney

Petition of Amos Binney, praying that a committee be appointed upon the subject of settling the level of his side walks adjacent to his houses at the corner of Summer & Hancock streets. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Bryant, to consider & report.

Pemberton's hill

Ordered, that Alderman Oliver be added to the committee appointed to level Pemberton's hill instead of Alderman Welsh who is excused at his own request.

Spare, Eliot street.

Notice having been given on the Petition of Elijah Spare, to build & relay the common sewer in Eliot street, & no person appearing to object to the same, thereupon Ordered, that Wm. Pattison superintendant of streets & drains be authorized to open & relay the same under the direction of the Committee of the District.

Advertisements

Ordered, that Alderman Bellows & Welsh be a committee for the purpose of considering the expediency of

of having all the advertisements of the City published in all the newspapers printed in Boston, which are issued twice a week or more; & to offer to pay therefor forty dollars per annum each.

Ordered, that the board will meet in Oliver street, on Wednesday morning at half past 7 o'Clock for the purpose of viewing that street. Oliver street.

Ordered, that the board will view Washington street, near the Lafayette hotel, on Thursday next, 8 o'Clock, A. M. to consider the expediency of widening said street. Washington street.

Ordered, that the proprietors of the Church or meeting house, now building on Hanover street between Elm & Union streets, be notified to appear before this board on Thursday next, 4 o'Clock, P. M. then & there to shew cause if any they have, why the encroachment made by their building on said street, should not be removed. Hanover street.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday July 21. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board except Alderman Dyer & Marshall.

Petition of Elisha Penniman and Joseph Whitney, praying that the drain near the side walk at the lower end of Beacon street may be taken up Prelim. in such a manner as to prevent the water flowing into their Cellar. Read & the prayer thereof granted, they paying the expence. Penniman Beacon St.

Pilsberry Fennel st.

Petition of S. Pilsberry, praying that the drain in Milk street, from the head of Fennel street, may be continued down as far as may be thought necessary. Read, and referred to the Mayor, to consider & report.

Powell Theatre

Petition of Elizabeth Powell, Henry J. Finn, & Thomas Kilner, managers of the Federal street Theatre, for a license to commence on the nineteenth day of September next. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Welsh & Oliver, to consider & report.

Wright S. Boston.

Petition of William Wright, that the elevations of a street at South Boston, may be determined, upon which he is about erecting a house. Read and committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report.

Ewers Washington st.

Petition of Charles Ewers, for compensation for land taken to widen Washington street, between Summer & Bedford streets. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall, to consider & report.

Lamps Lighting

The joint committee to whom was referred the proceedings & report of a committee of the board of Aldermen, relative to the expediency of altering the present system of lighting the street lamps, having duly attended to that subject, ask leave to submit, as their report thereon, the following order.

Geo. Blake, per order.

Ordered, that from & after the passing of this order, the superintendent of the lamps of the City be

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authorized & required to cause the said lamps to be lighted in the usual manner for five additional nights of each month of the year over & above the sixteen nights in every month during which they are lighted, according to the existing regulations; the times for the commencement & the discontinuance of the lighting in each month to be left to the determination of the Mayor & Aldermen; Read and accepted, & the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Petition of Ephraim Marsh, praying that the Common Sewer leading from Pleasant street, may be continued to the Channel. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report. Marsh. Pleasant St.

Ordered, that the license which issued to John Sears, to keep a riding school of wooden horses in Carver street, near Eliot street, be extended to his Circus leading from Common street, near Eliot street; Provided that said Sears be not permitted to exhibit after dark. Sears. Riding School.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Constables of the City of Boston, beg leave to report, by recommending the following order, to wit, Ordered, that the several Constables of the City of Boston, be directed to prosecute all violations of the following bye-laws for the regulation of drivers of horses and Carriages. "All Carters, & other persons having the care of any waggon, cart, truck, sled, or drag passing through or in the streets of said town, shall drive their beast or beasts, at a moderate foot pace, & shall not suffer them to go in a gallop or trot, & if any such driver shall not Constables

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hold reins in his hands to guide or restrain his beast, as in manner aforesaid, he shall walk by the head of the shaft, or near horse, holding or within reach of the bridle or halter, of the said horse, in order to guide or restrain them in manner aforesaid; Every person wilfully or negligently offending in any or either of the cases aforesaid, shall forfeit & pay for every such offence, a sum not less than two dollars, nor more than five dollars."

Ordered, that the City Clerk furnish each of the Constables of the City of Boston, with a Copy of this order.

Thomas Welsh, Jr. per order.

Read & accepted, & Ordered accordingly

Quarantine

Doctor Theodore Dexter's communication relative the quarantine of certain vessels, and his duty as resident Physician touching the same. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Bryant, to consider & report.

Side walks

Ordered, that Aldermen Bellows, Bryant, & Oliver, be a committee to consider & report, what principle, ought to be adopted in relation to the reception by the City of Side walks.

Shales

Petition of Edward Shales, for com-

Pleasant st.

pensation for land taken by the City to widen Pleasant street. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows to consider & report.

Hanover st.

Ordered, that the Porch of the new Church now building on Hanover street, between Elm and Union streets, be permitted to remain in its present place; upon Condition that no step be permitted to come into St. Street.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'Clock P. M.

Monday July 25. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board, except Aldermen Marshall & Bryant.

The committee on the petition of "Soul of the Soldiery" for any Armory in Faneuil Hall lately occupied by the Fusileers, reported that the prayer of said petition be granted. Read & accepted. Soul of the Soldiery

Petition of Joseph P. Bradlee, Lydia Allen & Jonathan Simmons, Guardian of Edward E. Allen, praying that they may be remunerated for land taken to lay out a street; said land formerly belonged to the estate of Joseph Allen, deceased, situated on Butler's row. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake and Bryant, to consider & report. Bradlee

Ordered, that the Island boat Massachusetts, be under the direction of the Commissioner of Health & shall come up from the Island, regularly every day, & return at such times as she has been accustomed, or at such other times as the Commissioner of Health shall direct. Com. of Health

Ordered, that during the time of quarantine, the boarding boat shall not be taken from the Island, & shall be kept exclusively for boarding vessels liable to quarantine, & the same shall be at the command of the Resident Physician, to board vessels at quarantine, whenever he shall want the same for that purpose. Resident Physician

Loan

An order to authorize a loan, for the uses of the City of Boston.

It is ordered, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow for the use of this City, in reimbursing the sum last year advanced from the funds of the Committee for enlarging Faneuil Hall market, not exceeding ninety one thousand five hundred dollars, at such times, and at such rates of interest, as the Committee of Finance may approve, Reimbursable, on thirty days notice after one year, in whole or in part, not less than ten thousand dollars, at the pleasure of the City. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

City debt.

An order for the redemption of the debt of the City of Boston.

It is ordered, that the City Treasurer be & he is hereby directed to apply all moneys arising from sales by the City of any of its lands hereafter to be made, exclusively to the redemption of any part of the City debt, which by the terms of the loan may be redeemable, & that all receipts of such moneys by the auditor of accounts, or the City Treasurer shall be by them respectively in their annual accounts distinctly stated, as also all such payments in pursuance of this order.

Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Island Keeper

Ordered, that the Commissioner of Health direct Mr. M. L. Hobart, or his son to be at the command of the Resident Physician, whenever wanted for the above purpose.

Sea Street.

Ordered, that the subject of the buildings now erecting on Sea Street be referred to the Mayor;

Petition of S. A. Shuttleff & Jonathan Carleton, praying that a Surveyor may be appointed to survey Pemberton's hill, before the present land marks are removed. Read & referred to the Superintendent of Streets & with authority to employ a Surveyor for that purpose. Shuttleff & Pemberton's

Ordered, that the City Marshal be directed to detail six Constables with their staves to protect the Inhabitants in North Margin street, & that they commence at ten o'clock under the City Marshal, & continue their watch so long as there is any reason to apprehend violence on the peace of the City. Constables to be employed

Ordered, that the Mayor be an Agent to accept a deed in Water street, offered for the use of the City by Henry Rice, Esq. Water street. Mr. Rice

Ordered, that the Committee of the District of Aldermen Blake & Marshall cause a plan to be taken of that part of Green street, in front of Pitts-street, wherein Robert G. Shaw is about building. Said Committee to report the expediency of taking part of his land to widen S. street. Shaw Green street.

The committee appointed on the petition of Ebenezer Smith, report, that the land mentioned in said Petition is a small part of a lot of land belonging to the City, lying near the passage passing from Merrimac street by the Green Dragon tavern to Union street; the whole lot contains about six thousand superficial square feet. Should the City authorities see fit to cause said passage to be widened (which in the opinion of the Committee, the public convenience will require before a very long time), the lot above mentioned Smith

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could be exchanged for the adjoining land which would be wanted to widen the said passage to better advantage than a purchase could be made for money, as the City's lot is bounded upon said passage, its value would be enhanced by making the passage wider, & as it also joins the estate which would be wanted by the City to widen said passage the owner of the land could exchange with the City, & transfer his business from his own lot to that of the City's without suffering any loss. The Committee are therefore of opinion that it is inexpedient to take any further measures upon said petition. The Committee cannot let this opportunity pass, without expressing their disapprobation generally, of the practice of selling small parts of lots of the City's land to gratify the wishes or come into the projects of individuals; the purchase money is always a very trifling sum, hardly enough to remunerate the City for making the deeds of transfer; and it often embarrasses the disposition of the remainder of the lot, by means of which great inconvenience & loss are felt by the City.

John D. Dyer, per order.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up Concurred.

Neck lands Plan.

The committee on neck lands, reported, that the plan of the Neck lands, formerly drawn under the superintendence of Charles Bulfinch, Esq. having been lost. The committee deeming it very important that a plan should be adopted, prior to any farther sales have caused the subjoined plan to be made by Stephen D. Fuller, Esq. in which the former plan has been pursued strictly so far as it respects all the ... streets running east & west;

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but so far as it respects the streets running north & south, the present plan varies considerably from that of Mr. Bulfinch, & in this respect, that as far as the Committee could ascertain the lots on Mr. Bulfinch's plan, between the streets running north & south was three hundred feet, & the lots on the plan now presented between those streets are but one hundred & fifty feet deep; with these explanations your Committee respectfully submit the subjoined plan for their consideration, correction or adoption if the City Council as in their wisdom shall seem expedient. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows, Bryant & Welsh with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Barry, Farnsworth, Dexter & Lodge.

The committee on Neck lands to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Thayer, for the purchase of a lot of land, reported in favour of selling the land to said Thayer. Read & not accepted. — Thayer

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Special meeting.

Wednesday July 27th 1825.

Present — The whole board except Alderman Marshall.

Whereas, it appears, that a number of persons to this board unknown, riotously assembled, on the night of Saturday, & on the night of Tuesday last, Riots.

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256. & tore down or greatly injured several dwelling houses, demolishing the furniture, & committing violence on the persons of the Inhabitants thereof. And whereas this board have reason to apprehend, that similar outrages may be attempted. —

Thereupon, Ordered, unanimously, that the sum of three hundred dollars, be, & hereby is offered for conviction of any person or persons, guilty of being concerned in either of the above riots, or convicted of being guilty of any similar riotous combination or assemblage hereafter.

Ordered, that the Mayor cause the above offer of reward, to be forthwith published in hand bills, posted & distributed through the City.

Ordered, that the whole number of Constables, & as many watchmen as can be spared, be detailed under the direction of the Mayor, & stationed by him at such place or places in the City where there may be any indication of riot. And that the Mayor be requested and authorized, to call to his aid, the Sheriff of the County, & such other force as he may deem sufficient to suppress the riot, or any unlawful assemblage, as is provided for. —

The meeting was then dissolved.

Thursday July 28th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board except Aldermen Blake & Marshall.

New Sheet. The board assembled at the Long wharf this morning, at 8 o'Clock, & it appearing that notice has been given to all persons interested, & particularly to the widow

Heirs of John Holland deceased & Benjamin Sweetser, to appear at this time & object to the laying out & continuing the street sixty five feet wide, running at right angles with North & South market streets on to the Long Wharf; agreeably to an order passed on the fourteenth instant, and no person appearing to object to the same except said Sweetser.

Thereupon resolved, That the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants require that said street of sixty five feet wide, running at right angles with North & South Market streets, be continued in a southerly direction, carrying the width of sixty five feet, until it comes to the southerly front of the stores on the Long Wharf, & bounded on the travelled part of said wharf, & measuring thereon sixty five feet. And the same street is continued & laid out accordingly.

Adjourned to 7 o'Clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as before.

Petition of John Bryant, praying that Bryant
some person may be authorized to attend to the laying Beacon st.
the side walks on Beacon Street, preparatory to the City's
receiving them under the late ordinance. Read & committed
to Aldermen Bellows & Welsh, to consider & report.

Order of the Common Council con- Washington
curring the petition of Washington Artillery Company, to have Artillery Co.
the land on which their Gun House stands on Fort Hill staked
out, & the bounds thereof determined - to Messrs Williams, Frothingham
& Fisher with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to
consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, &
Aldermen Bellows & Welsh are joined.

Communication from Theodore Dexter, the Resident Physician on Hospital Island, relative to vessels bringing rags & feathers, hides, skins &c. Read & committed to the committee who have under consideration the law relative to the quarantine of vessels, viz: Aldermen Blake & Bryant, to consider & report.

Washington St. Drain

Ordered, that notice be inserted in the newspapers, to notify all persons whose estates bound, on Washington street, between Essex & West streets, that the Mayor & Aldermen will on Monday next, 5 o'Clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency of taking up & relaying the common sewer in that part of Washington street, & apeping the expense thereof on all who may be benefitted thereby.

Drains

Ordered, the superintendent of streets & drains, appointed, that he have caused to be constructed & extended the Chesnut street drain, through Charles & Sumner streets to the dock. Also a new drain in North square, on the petition of William Lawrence. Also a new drain as the continuation of the drain in Ann street, opposite City Council to the dock petitioned for by J. Bear & P. Wainwright.

Read & referred to the Mayor

Female High School

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Williams, Savage, Adan & Fuller, with such as the board of Aldermen might join a committee upon the subject of the report of a sub-committee of the School committee appointed to consider the expediency & practicability of instituting a School for the instruction of the female children of this City in the higher departments of science & literature. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Bellows, Bryant & Oliver are joined.

Resolve of the Common Council author- Mutual ins.
izing & instructing the Committee who have under considera
tion the subject of establishing a High School for females,
to take into consideration the expediency of having the
mutual instruction system adopted in all the Grammar
schools in the City. Came up for concurrence.
Read & concurred.

Petition of Edward Thaxter, praying Thaxter
that the arrangements made between the City and the
heirs of Elijah Nickerson, may be so far modified that
an additional sum of two hundred dollars be allowed
to said heirs for the sale & exchange of land near Prince
street, so as to enable those who are authorized to act
for them, to carry said arrangement into full effect, &
in such a manner as it will be legal for the City, &
safe for them. Read & committed to the Mayor, Alder
men Dyer & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may
join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred & the Common Council joined on its part
Messrs Curtis, Voce, Fuller & Rice.

The committee on the petition of Poor-
Thomas S. Poor & others, praying, that the elevation of the Pond St.
side walks on Pond street may be determined, reported,
that it is inexpedient at present, as the lines & elevation of
said street will shortly be more definitely determined.
Read & accepted.

The committee to whom was referred Sweetser
the Petition of Henry Sweetser, for compensation for land Dane St.
taken in the year 1824, to widen Dane street, & for the
damage done to his estate by the taking of his land,
reported

reported, that there be allowed to said Sweetser for seventy nine feet & five inches of land set into the street, & in full for all other damages incidental thereunto the sum of one hundred & forty nine dollars, on the City receiving a deed of the same. Read & accepted & referred to the Mayor to see it executed.

Tileston Front street.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Timothy Tileston, & others, to purchase of the City all its right & interest in & to a certain piece of land lying on Front street, at the termination of what was formerly called Rainsford Lane, reported, that all the said land, with all the rights incident to the same should be sold at Public auction, to the highest bidder, that the said sale be advertized in one or more newspapers to take place on or before the eighteenth day of August, next, & that the Mayor carry this report into effect by causing said land to be sold as aforesaid, & to sign & execute deeds to the purchaser. Read & accepted. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up concurred.

Amory

The committee on the petition of Jonathan Amory, reported, that the land mentioned in said petition be sold at auction as specified in the report of the committee on the petition of Timothy Tileston, & others. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Saunders.

The committee on the petition of John Saunders, reported, that having recommended the sale of the said land by auction, therefore any agreement on the part of the City by the former board with the petitioner will of course be complied with. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That this board will meet in Green street at the head of Wells street, to consider the expediency of widening said Green street, by taking part of the land on the southerly side of said street.

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'Clock P. M.

Monday August 1st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board except Alderman Marshall.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets & drains dispense with opening the Washington Street drain between Essex street & West street, at present. Washington St. drain

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets &c. cause to be opened wells in the following places viz. State street; East end of Old State house; Court square, southerly side of County Court house; Brattle street, near Clark's stable; Merchants row; and Sudbury street in front of Mr. Trull's house. Wells to be opened.

Ordered, That Robert G. Shaw be requested to set back his building on Green street, according to the line marked on the plan of S. P. Fuller, Surveyor. Shaw Green St.

Ordered, That the thanks of this board be hereby is given to those respectable & efficient citizens, who at the request of the Mayor voluntarily accompanied the police officers of the City, & enabled them, by their presence & countenance to quell the riot in Green street, on Wednesday night last, without other force than is usual in all cases of the legal arrest of refractory persons. Riots Thanks to Citizens Suppressing.

Printing. The committee upon the subject of advertisements, reported, that they found an unwillingness in the publishers of newspapers to contract on the terms proposed. Whereupon, Ordered, That Messrs. True & Green publishers of the Statesman be authorized to publish the advertisements on the same terms as the other publishers.

Alley Leb. Petition of M. Alley, 2nd. to exhibit three Amphibious Animals called Seals, or Sea dogs. Read & License granted upon paying therefor two dollars. The places of exhibition to be designated.

Pound Keeper & Field driver. Order of the Common Council, appointing Thomas Hammond, Pound Keeper, at South Boston, for the year ensuing. Also William Andrews, a Dogreeve Hayward, & Field driver, at South Boston, for the year ensuing. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Green Wells Petition of John Green, 2nd, praying that the pump & well, at the South end of Washington street may be put in order. Read & referred to the Mayor.

Juvenile offenders. Order of the Common Council, appointing Messrs. Stevens, Bates & Fuller, with such as the Board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider and report, some practicable plan by which juvenile offenders of both sexes may be reformed as well as punished for the commission of crimes. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred in the Mayor, & Alderman Welch are joined.

Jones Water St. Communication of Charles Jones, stating, that he is about to build on a lot of land situated at the south

north west corner of Charter & Lynn streets, & stating that that part of Charter street requires repairing. Read and committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, with instructions to have a plan of said land taken by S. P. Fuller, the Surveyor.

Petition of Jacob Hall to pur- Hall
chase a lot of land on Thacher street adjoining his Prince & Thacher
land. Also compensation for land taken by the City in streets.
the year 1823, on Prince street & Thacher street. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & Report.

The following persons were nom- Constables
inated by the Mayor as Constables for the year ensuing and confirmed by the board viz:

James Perkins, Solomon Twist, Jonathan Prescott,
Thomas Holden, George Reed, Andrew Sanborn,
Josiah Baldwin, Horatio Bass, Elisha W. Glover,
Thomas Wallace, Jason Braman, Ebenezer Shute,
George Robinson, James Price, Asa Prouty,
Abel Wheelocker, Michael Riley, Ebenezer Mills,
James Wright, Ebenezer Prescott, Mitchell Lincoln,
John Henry, Isaac Spear, George P. Sawin &
Warren Barron.

Ordered that they be notified to attend before the Mayor on Thursday morning next, 9 o'clock.

Order of the Common Council directing Stationary
the City Clerk to advertize for proposals for stationary. Came up for Concurrence. Read & ordered, to lie upon the table.

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock. P. M.,

Thursday August 5th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board except Aldermen Bellows & Marshall.

Constables — Ebenezer Lelaffin, Junior, Jedidiah Sawtell, Joseph Clarke, Solomon B. Morse & Simeon [illegible] Duncan, Junior were nominated by the Mayor as Constables of the City — which nomination was confirmed by the board.

Constable declines — A communication was received from James Wright declining the office of Constable. Read & he was excused from serving.

Res. Physician & Island Keeper — Ordered, That the subject of the duty of the Resident Physician, & Island Keeper, be recommitted, & that Alderman Welsh be added to the committee.

Neck Lands — Order of the Common Council directing the Committee on Neck lands to sell at public auction on such terms of credit with interest, as they may deem expedient, give notice thereof in the newspapers of the City. A certain lot of land bounded by Washington & Bedham streets, agreeably to a plan of the same made by A. B. Fuller, exhibited with the report: provided that it be put up at the minimum price of forty cents per square foot. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Gaol & House of Correction — Communication of the board of accounts giving the State of the Gaol and House of Correction. Read & committed to the Committee on the Gaol viz. Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Marshall, to consider & report.

Perry Ann St. — Petition of John Perry, & report of committee thereon to open & relay the common sewer in Ann street, between Clark street & Battery Alley. Referred to the Mayor.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Thaxter reported, that it is reasonable that the City should pay, in addition to three hundred & seventy five dollars, heretofore agreed to be paid to the heirs of Elijah Nickerson, deceased, the sum of two hundred dollars, to the representatives of the minor heirs of said Nickerson, for their benefit; thereby enabling the said representatives to pay to the said minors heirs the sum of three hundred & eighty seven dollars, fifty Cents, being the sum for which one half the said estate was sold at auction. And that the Mayor be authorized to pay over the said sums conformably to this report, & the former resolve of the City Council, whenever he shall receive quit claims from all the heirs of said Nickerson to said lands conformably to the resolve of the City Council of the twenty ninth day of April last. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred. Nickerson's heirs Thaxter

The Health Commissioner's communication Read & committed to the Committee on the subject of the quarantine regulations, to consider & report. Health Com.

Petition of George W. Saunders, Captain of Artillery Company, called the Columbian Artillery, praying that some repairs may be made in the Gun house, situated in Ward No. 3. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report. Saunders & Gun house Ward 3.

Petition of Henry Farnam, & others, praying that Portland Street, may be widened by taking a strip of land from the estate of Henry Lincoln, & also stating that Ebenezer Smith has encroached on said street, by placing his building on the same. Read & thereupon, resolved, that the Farnam & Portland St.

whole

whole board will attend on the premises, tomorrow morning, 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'Clock, P. M.

Friday August 6th 1825.

Portland St.

The board proceeded to view Portland Street, as resolved by the board yesterday.

Monday August 8th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The Mayor. Aldermen Carney, Dyer, Bellows, Welsh & Oliver.

Hospital Island

The board met at 10 o'Clock, proceeded to Hospital Island at 11 o'Clock A. M. & returned & continued in session until 3 o'Clock P. M.

Island Keeper & Resident Physician

Ordered, That it shall be the duty of the Island Keeper to board every vessel in company with the resident Physician, without any delay after her arrival, & shall attend to the purification of all vessels, clothing, bedding, persons &c. at quarantine, conformably to the directions of the Resident Physician. And all foul or dirty clothing on board, of every vessel at quarantine, shall be washed, & the vessels, bedding, persons &c. purified, conformably to the directions aforesaid.

Constable

William Dinsmore was nominated by the Mayor as a constable of the City, for the year ensuing, which was confirmed by the board.

Hartwell

Application of William Hartwell, to be licensed as an Auctioneer. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake and Marshall.

The committee to whom was re- Marsh
ferred the petition of Ephraim Marsh, this claim for building a drain from Pleasant street, reported, that upon examining P. Marsh's claim they find, that in October 1803, he sold to the town of Boston, the right to extend his drain, for a certain sum, & to keep the same in repair at his own expense forever, as will appear by deed of said date; the committee are of opinion that said Marsh is not entitled to any compensation from the City in extending his drain for his own convenience.

Read & accepted.

The committee to whom the petition Wright
of William Wright, of South Boston, reported, that they have So. Boston
examined the street on which the petitioner is now building, they had nothing to guide them, the elevation of the street never having been fixed by authority, they therefore recommend to the said Wright to set his house in reference to the following, viz: the elevation of the center of the street directly in front of said Wright's house will be in the opinion of the committee on the natural ground as it now is.

Read & accepted.

Petition of Henderson Inches, praying Inches
that the common sewer in Pratt's street, may be taken up, & Pratt's st.
a suitable drain laid lower than the present, & the expense thereof apposed according to law. Ordered, that all persons interested be notified to appear on Thursday next, 4 o'clock, P. M. before this board, & shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition, should not be granted, by publishing a notice in the newspapers.

Ordered, that Alderman Bellows Fire department.
be added to the committee on the fire department.

South Allen & Blossom Streets.

Ordered, That all persons whose estates bound on South Allen street and Blossom street, be notified to appear before this board on Thursday next, 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have, why the common sewer in said South Allen street should not be continued through so as to meet the drain in Blossom street, & the expense thereof apposed according to law.

Portland street.

Resolved, That the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require, that Portland street should be widened, & the same is widened accordingly, viz: by taking a piece of land of Henry Lincoln into said street, the said Lincoln being first notified thereof, the piece so taken is bounded as follows viz: northeasterly on the present line of Portland street fifty feet, ten inches, more or less; then easterly on Portland street, five feet, two inches; then southeasterly on Sudbury street, four feet; southwesterly ~~as as a line~~ about fifty three feet on a line drawn from the northerly corner of the brick house on the corner of Portland & Sudbury streets to a point on the northeasterly side of said Portland street, forty feet distant from the southerly corner of a block of brick houses on the northeasterly side of said Portland street, & bounded thereto; northwesterly on Deacon street leading to Sudbury square, ten feet, three inches; containing four hundred & eighty one square feet, according to a plan drawn by S. P. Fuller, dated August 8. 1825.

Lynn & Charles Streets.

Ordered, That the whole board will meet at the corner of Lynn & Charles streets, on Wednesday next 6 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor — Aldermen Carney, Dyer, Bryant & Welsh.

Notice having been given for all persons interested to appear at this time, & shew cause, why the common sewer in Brattle street, should not be taken up, relaid & sunk lower, & the expense thereof apposed upon those who shall be benefitted thereby, according to the petition of Henderson Inches. No person appearing to object, it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted, & that the same be effected under the direction of the Mayor, & the Superintendent of streets & drains. Inches Brattle Street.

Notice having been given for all persons interested to appear at this time & shew cause why the common sewer in South Allen street, should not be continued so as to meet & enter into that in Blossom street, & the expense thereof apposed upon those who shall be benefitted thereby. No person appearing to object, it is ordered, that the same be effected & laid under the direction of the Mayor, & the Superintendent of streets & drains. South Allen St. Blossom St.

Ordered, that the line of Thomas Gould's estate on Friend street, be from the corner of Benj.a Jennings house to the corner of Holmes & Chandlers house on the ~~street~~ north side of said street, the whole board having attended on the premises to run the line. Gould Friend St.

Ordered, that the subject of the Wall on Pemberton's hill, & Mr. Welsh's claim, be referred to the Mayor, to consider & report. Pemberton's Hill

Ordered, that Alderman Bellows, Dyer,

Com: arrangem^t & Welsh be a committee of arrangements, with authority to pro-

visitation of Schools. vide a dinner at Faneuil Hall, on the day of the anniver-

sary of the visitation of the public schools.

Tombs Ordered, that the several proprietors

North burial of Tombs in the old burial ground north district on Charter

ground. street, be notified to appear before this board on Thursday next

7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have why those

tombs which project into said street should not be

removed.

Lincoln Petition of Henry Lincoln for compen-

Pattens St. sation for land taken to widen Portland street. Read and

committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall, to consider and

report.

Adams Petition of Daniel Adams, & others

Washington Avenue for widening & otherwise improving Washington Avenue on

Fort Hill. Read & committed to Aldermen Marshall,

Bryant & Welsh, to consider & report.

Bullard. Petition of Asa Bullard, & others, for

Front St. a privilege to continue the drain or sewer into the sluice way

leading through Front street. Read & the prayer thereof

granted.

Andrews Order of the Common Council ap-

Pound Keeper. pointing William Andrews, Pound Keeper for South Boston,

in place of Thomas Hammond, who declines serving. Came

up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Well The Superintendent of streets & drains,

Crop street. reports that the probable expense of digging a well in Shaw

Crop street, will be from $250 to $300; he has also made

enquiry of the Petitioners who state that if the City obtain a

grant

good well of water they are willing to pay a generous price for sudious. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Superintendent proceed to dig said well.

Saunders Gun House & Ward Room No. 3.

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Geoge W. Saunders, praying that shutters may be put up to the windows of the Gun house & Ward room in No. 3, reported, that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted. Read & accepted.

Brazer & Franklin place.

Petition of John Brazer, & others, praying that the streets now called Franklin street & Franklin place leading from Washington & Federal streets, be hereafter known by the name of Franklin place. Read & thereupon Ordered, that all persons be notified to appear before this board on Monday next, 7 o'Clock P. M. & object to the same if they see cause.

Elliot Fire works.

Application of John Elliot, to be licensed to exhibit fire works for his benefit at Washington Gardens in the course of next week. Read & granted for three nights, he paying therefor the sum of three dollars per night.

Constable.

Abraham Lansing was nominated by the Mayor a Constable for the year ensuing. Which nomination was confirmed by the board.

Goddard Washington st.

The committee of the Southern district reported, that they have attended to the drain in the rear of Benjamin Goddard's leading from Washington street, have had the same put in good repair, fifty eight feet, and cost twenty nine dollars. Read & accepted.

Nevers Boylston st. land

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin M. Nevers, for compensation for

land taken to widen Boylston Street, & damage done to his buildings in consequence thereof, report, that they find by A. P. Fuller's survey, the last board of Aldermen did take from land of said Nevers, three hundred & ninety two feet for the purpose of widening & straightening said Street, & in so doing seriously injured one of said Nevers' houses, & was the cause of the loss of a good well of water, & the removal of the front cellar wall, & your committee are of opinion that said Nevers should be allowed for injury done his buildings, & for three hundred & ninety two feet of land taken for the purpose aforesaid six hundred & fifty dollars, when said Nevers shall have executed a good & sufficient deed of the land to the City. All which is respectfully submitted

D. Carney, per order.

Read & accepted.

Williams New Street.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John D. Williams, & others, for opening a street from Common to Warren street, Report, That they have had the subject under consideration from the commencement of the organization of the present board, & as your Committee have viewed it of great importance & convenience to this section of the City, they have examined the premises fully, had frequent conversations with the petitioners, & by the request of the committee Mr. E. Marsh has furnished an estimate of the probable expense of opening said street, — Some of the land wanted for the street cannot be obtained at present, except by law, & the great expense to be incurred by the City, probably, six or eight thousand dollars, your Committee deem it inexpedient to open said street the present year, & are of opinion that the prayer of the

Petitioners

Petitioners ought not to be granted. All which is respectfully submitted. D. Carney, Jr. order.

Read & not accepted, and thereupon ordered, that said street be opened as prayed for.

Shales Pleasant st.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Edward Shales, for lands taken to widen Pleasant street, report, that they have attended to that duty, & find the statement of facts to be, after said Shales had commenced building his cellar wall & frame for house, Messrs Baxter & Dorr of the last board of Aldermen directed him to remove his cellar wall, & the whole line of his building back from the street, taking from the front of said land one hundred & fifty feet, for widening the same. Your committee are satisfied said Shales has sustained damage in altering his building, twenty seven dollars; they also recommend, when said Shales shall have removed his fence agreeably to the line marked out by said Baxter & Dorr, & shall have executed a good & sufficient deed therefor, that he be paid for said land One hundred dollars, amounting together, for land and damage one hundred and twenty seven dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted. Dan'l Carney Jr. order.

Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday August 15th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present – The whole board except Aldermen Blake & Marshall.

Market — Alderman Welsh was appointed on the Committee on the Market in the absence of Alderman Blake.

Mill Creek — Ordered, that the several owners of walls on the Mill Creek which have fallen down, and are out of repair, be required to have the same repaired, & to cause the stones to be taken out of said Creek.

Bond — Spring st. — Petition of George Bond, & others, to have Spring Street continued through Poplar Street Canal to North allen Street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report.

Munson — Rowes Wh.f. — Petition of Israel Munson, President of Rowe's wharf Company or Corporation, praying, that the drain which runs in Broad or Battery March Street, near the head of Rowe's wharf, & discharges its filth through the walls of one of their stores into its Cellar, may be removed, or such relief granted as to prevent the nuisance. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report.

Sanders — Front st. — Petition of John Sanders for compensation for the betterments which he has put on the land belonging to the City, and leased to him, near Front Street. Read & committed to the Mayor, to consider & report.

Notice having been given for all persons to appear at this time, & shew cause if any they have why Franklin street, and Franklin place extending from Washington street to Federal street, should not hereafter known & called Franklin place agreeably to the Petition of John Brazer & others. And now Henry Chadman & others, file a remonstrance against the same, which being read, it is thereupon ordered, that the prayer of the Petition of John Brazer & others be not granted. Brazer Franklin Place.

The committee to whom was referred the statement of the board of accounts, relative to the state of the Gaol, and House of correction, reported, that they have made diligent enquiry concerning the complaints of the inmates of said House of correction, of short allowance of food, and the committee are satisfied that there is no reasonable ground of complaint. Gaol & House of Correction

Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday August 18th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board, except Alderman Blake.

Petition of Thomas Dennies & others, praying to have Doane street widened. Read & thereupon Ordered, that the whole board will attend upon the premises tomorrow one o'Clock P. M. to view & consider the same; & that notice be served upon William Vernon, on or before 8 o'Clock tomorrow morning. Dennie Doane St.

Tombs North burying ground.

Agreeably to notice at the last, meeting the owners of tombs in the North burying yard, appeared & filed a remonstrance against removing the same, signed by John Wells & James Loring, in their behalf, & after a full hearing & consideration of the subject, it was thereupon Ordered, That subject subside, until a wish for the removal of the Tombs, from the Citizens in that quarter of the City shall be more distinctly indicated, than it appears to be at present.

Causeway Street.

Ordered, That Alderman Welsh be instructed to commence an action against certain persons who have trespassed on the City's flats, by building out a wharf, beyond Causeway street.

Reservoirs.

Ordered, That Aldermen Bellows, Bryant & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to consider the expediency of carrying into effect a vote of the last City Council relative to building Reservoirs, in several streets of the City, & report.

Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined, on its part, Messrs. Williams, Evans, Dyer, J. Simonds & Thaxter.

Mill Creek.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Northern district be authorized to advertize, & engage persons to clear out the Mill brooks.

Boston Mill Corp.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Northern district together with Alderman Bryant, be a Committee with full powers to carry into effect the agreement of the City, & the Proprietors of the Boston Mill Corporation.

The committee to whom the Charnel house Children.

Petition of the Superintendent of the burial grounds was referred, report. that the Charnel house in the Granary burial ground be used for the purpose of burying children & the Committee recommend, that the rates to be charged for the depositing children therein be as follows Viz: Under one year, one dollar; from one to three years two dollars; from three to five, three dollars; from five to eight, five dollars. And that no children over eight years of age be placed in said Charnel house. And that the fees as above rated be paid over by the Superintendent of burial grounds to the City Treasurer as other moneys are received by him in his said capacity; & that the said Superintendent be directed to prepare the Charnel house by a careful deposit of the bones now therein in a suitable manner in a vault in the house where the same now are. All which is submitted.

J. D. Dyer, Jr Ader

Read & accepted.

Cunningham Communication from Joseph L. Cunningham that he is about building on the lot corner of Milk & Federal streets. Also Elisha Clap that he is about building on Milk street adjoining the lot of said Cunningham and said Clap also requests remuneration for the land taken to widen said streets, agreeably to the plan of S. P. Fuller. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall to consider & report.

Clap Milk & Federal streets.

Hancock Copy of Petition of John Hancock, for damages in the City & taking his land to extend Temple street, & the order of Court thereon. Read & committed to the Mayor

Temple st.

&

2/8. and Alderman Welsh, with instructions to attend to the same before the next October term of the Court of Common Pleas.

House of Industry. Communication from the Directors of the House of Industry, setting forth the expediency of erecting a House for the male blacks; also a slaughter house, & that an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars, be made for that purpose. Read & committed to the Mayor, Alderman Bellows & Bryant, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Hallet, Clark, Pratt & Hastings.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Doane street. The whole board met in Doane street on Friday, August 19th agreeably to the order passed yesterday.

Monday August 22d 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board, except Alderman Blake.

Simmons Pinckney St. Communication of William Simmons, Esq. relative to taking the level of Pinckney street, & the digging down the same. Read & committed to Alderman Bryant & Welsh, with full powers to make such agreement with the abuttors, as under all circumstances they may deem expedient.

Petitions of John Elliot, praying, Elliot
that some alteration may be made in Stillman Street, Stillman St.
that the cellars of the abuttors may be secured from
being flooded with water. Read & committed to Alder
men Dyer & Oliver to consider & report.

Petition of Nathaniel H. Lombard, Lombard
praying that he may be permitted to take a suction from Prince St.
the well of Jacob Wait, No. 65 Prince Street. Read &
the prayer thereof granted, so far that he be permitted
to take one suction for the use of his house alone;
the work to be done under the direction of the Super
intendant of Streets & drains.

Ordered, that the Committee on the Gun House on Common
Mall & Common be instructed to take measures to have the
Gun House, now standing on the Common near Boylston Street
removed therefrom without delay.

Ordered, that the Mayor be re- Page
quested to write to John Page, Esq to have the fence in White White Bear Alley.
Bread Alley removed forthwith.

Ordered, that S. P. Fuller, Surveyor Pemberton's
take a plan of the land taken from Thomas Welsh 2nd Esq. Hill
to widen Court & Common streets, near Pemberton's Hill.

Application of Lewis Loomis to Loomis
exhibit a live Moose. Read & the prayer thereof granted Moose
to be exhibited on an estate on Pond street, upon paying therefor
for one dollar per week.

Communication of Eleazer Homer, Homer
relative to his right to a piece of land in Chester street, Chester St.
near Lynn street, which the City claims as part of the street
or highway. Read & committed to the Mayor, to consider & report.

Female high School

The committee appointed to take into consideration the report of the School committee on the subject of a High School for females upon the plan of "Monitorial or mutual instruction" Report That they have given this interesting subject the consideration which its importance seemed to demand. And that your committee are persuaded that it will be greatly for the interest & honour of the City to establish the proposed Female school upon the plan as reported by a sub-committee, & accepted in the School Committee on the 29th of June, last. And your committee recommend that suitable measures be taken to establish the said school, with as little delay as posible, for this purpose we submit for consideration the following resolve.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of establishing a Female High School upon the plan & in conformity with the report made in School committee June 25th 1825. in such place as the School committee may think most suitable.

Monatorial or Mutual instruction

In regard to the resolution of the late Council directing your committee to consider & report upon the expediency of introducing the system of monitorial or mutual instruction into all the grammar schools of the City, your committee have duly considered the subject; & are of opinion, that any immediate or sudden change in the system of instruction at present pursued, would be attended with many important difficulties, & have the tendancy to put at hazard the high reputation which our public schools have so justly acquired. If the Female School now proposed should

should be successful, the other Schools would gradually & very naturally fall into this system, if found on experiment to be the best. Your committee are therefore of opinion that it is inexpedient to make the change suggested for the present. Respectfully submitted &c

By order of the committee

T. Bellows.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred. vide proceedings of this board of Oct. 10th Page 333.

Mayor's message Engines &c

Gentlemen of the City Council,

Under the authority of the vote of the City Council of the 14th of April, last, the Mayor & Aldermen have contracted for two new engines, one Hydraulion, & the hose waggon, with a sufficient quantity of hose, for those engines. It will be necessary that an authority should be given to obtain by purchase or otherwise suitable buildings & places for locating the same, and an appropriation for these purposes will be requisite, and I recommend that a joint committee should be appointed to take the same into consideration & report what may be necessary to be done on the subject. Josiah Quincy.

Read & committed in the Common Council to Messrs Ellis, Clark, Wells, Hallet, Tracy, Waters, Parker, Merriam, Willis, Simonds, Lodge & Bent, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report. Came up for Concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor, Aldermen Wells & Oliver are joined.

Watch House

Gentlemen of the City Council.

The sale of the rights of the City to Mr. Knapp of the

282. the land on which the Watch house in Washington street stands has rendered it necessary that a new location should be made for a watch house in that vicinity & land purchased or leased for that purpose. I therefore respectfully suggest the appointment of a committee of both branches of the City Council with full authority to select & contract for land for the above purpose, subject to the acceptance or rejection of the City Council. Josiah Quincy

Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Morey, Ware, Rice and Fisher.

Ridgway Lane Drain

Communication from the auditor of accounts covering an apeppment upon the several proprietors of estates on Ridgway lane, with the amount of constructing the Common sewer in said lane. Read & accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the same be appeped accordingly, & that the auditor be directed to collect the amount from the several proprietors therein named.

Munson Prs. Roves Whf. Corp.n

The Mayor to whom was referred the petition of Israel Munson, President of the Roves wharf corporation, praying that the drain or common sewer may be relaid so as to prevent the water & filth from running into the cellars of their stores, reported, that all persons interested or adjoining the Common sewer in Broad street, & that which comes down the alley from Fort hill, opposite the Engine house in Broad street, be notified to appear, & show cause why the said common sewer should not be deepened & extended to the dock

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adjoining Foster's wharf, and the expense apeped on those who shall be benefitted thereby, to appear on Monday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Special Meeting.

Tuesday August 23d. 1825.

Present - The Mayor Aldermen Carney, Dyer, Marshall and Welsh.

Communication from Thomas Jackson, Esq. Health Com. Commipioner, stating that the yellow fever exists at New Orleans.

Whereas this board has reason to believe that an infectious disease does prevail in the city of New Orleans, New Orleans quarantine

Therefore

Ordered, that all vepels which shall arrive from that port, shall perform quarantine, as is in such case provided by the ordinance establishing and regulating the quarantine of vepels.

Adjourned.

Thursday August 25th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board, except Alderman Blake & Bellows.

Petition of David Greenough, that he may be permitted to rebuild on the lot at the corner of Court & Common streets, on which there is now a brick house, without any part being taken to widen the street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report. Greenough Court & Common Streets.

Bells ringing of. Resolved, That the order of this board, passed on the nineteenth day of February, A.D. 1824, relating to the ringing and tolling of the bells of the houses of Public worship in this City on Sundays be and hereby is rescinded.

Elliot fire works. Application of John Elliot for a license to exhibit fire works on Commencement day, at the Washington Gardens. Read & the prayer thereof granted, on his paying therefor, three dollars.

Williams South street. Communication from Timothy Williams & Charles Barnard, stating that they are about building on South street. Read & committed to the Mayor & Alderman Marshall, to consider & report.

Kilby Street drain. Ordered, That all persons interested on that part of the drain running through Kilby formerly called Adams street, to appear before this board on Monday next, at 7 o'Clock P.M. & shew cause, if any they have, why that part of the drain now laying through Liberty square should not be extended so as to join the drain laid the last year by the City, under the direction of Messrs Waterston, Gray &c. & the expense thereof applied on those who shall be benefitted thereby.

Sweeney. Petition of James Sweeney, for some remuneration for loses sustained by him in consequence of an attack on the house on Prince street, in which he lived, by a mob on the twenty sixth day of July, last, whereby he lost all his property, amounting to about one hundred & ninety dollars. & he & his family driven out of said house, committed in the Common Council to Messrs Adam, Wells, & Barry, with such as the board of Aldermen might join,

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to consider & report. Came up for concurrence, & Read & Concurred, and Aldermen Welsh and Oliver were joined.

Petition of Jacob Bacon, praying that the elevation of Oak Street to the termination of Ash street, may be determined, in order that he Gothers, on said street may lay their side walks. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report. Bacon, Oakstreet.

Communication from Jonathan Carleton resigning his office as one of the Overseers of the House of Correction. Read & accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the thanks of this board be given to Jonathan Carleton Esq. for his faithful services in the office aforesaid. Overseers of H. of Correction resigns.

Ordered, that Monday next, be assigned for the choice of a new director.

The committee for the northern district represent to the board as surveyors of Highways, that they deem it for the interest of the City to take for public benefit, the following strips of land, to wit; Of land of the Boys Asylum on Salem street, commencing at the Corner of Charter street, & taking one foot on a line of eighty or ninety feet terminating at six inches, a quantity of land about forty five or fifty feet value 37½ Cts. per foot is . . . $18.50. On Hanover street, a small piece of land belonging to Dr. John Shaver one & a half foot to nothing in length fifteen or sixteen feet, value twenty five dollars. On same street, a strip belonging to W. Woodward; one & a half foot to nothing, in length twelve or thirteen feet, value fifteen dollars. On the same street a strip belonging to Joel Richardson, one & a half feet to nothing, Land taken to widen Streets

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on a line of thirty five feet, or there abouts, value including setting in the fence taking about twenty six to thirty feet value forty five dollars, amounting in the whole to one hundred three dollars, & fifty Cents. And the committee request leave to take the same, & make the best terms in their power, with the several proprietors of the several ships for the expense of the same. John D. Dyer. Jr. Com.

Read & thereupon ordered, that the committee aforesaid, distrid be authorized to take deeds from the owners of the same land.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday August 29th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The whole board except Aldermen Blake and Bryant.

Flats. Resolved, that the Mayor & Aldermen be authorized to cause all the flats & neck lands between the Mill dam and the dyke near Baldwin's mills to be surveyed, & so much of the same as they think proper to be laid out into streets.

Resolved, that the Mayor & Aldermen be authorized to cause a dyke near Baldwin's mills to be made across the City flats, from the dyke near Baldwin's mills to the flats owned by individuals, north of the School house lots: Provided, that the individual owners of the flats mentioned in the report of the Committee do agree to extend the said dyke across their lands to the line of the City flats, at the bottom of the Common. Provided further, that all the owners of said flats shall resign, give & asign to the City all their

their interest in so much of said flats to them belonging as may in the judgment of the Surveyors of highways be necessary for streets, agreeable to a plan which the Mayor & Aldermen shall cause to be taken; and they shall agree to such elevation for their buildings as the Surveyors of highways shall by said plan establish: Provided further, whenever in the opinion of the Surveyors of highways it shall become necessary for the convenience of the Inhabitants to discontinue the dyke, & make a street, the same shall be made under the direction, & to the satisfaction of the Surveyors of highways, at the sole expense of the owners of the lands bounded by said street.

Resolved, that all repairs necessary to said dyke be made at the joint expense of the owners.

Resolved, that one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolves.

The foregoing resolves were passed in the Common Council. Came up for concurrence: Read and Committed to Aldermen Bellows & Welsh, to consider and report. —

Merchants Row

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to employ S. P. Fuller to take a plan of the estates on the West side of Merchants Row.

Remick

Petition of Samuel H. Remick, & others, that a street running from North Allen street to Poplar street, be accepted. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report.

New Street

Williams

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Timothy Williams & Charles Barnard, reported, that

South Street.

that

that they have examined the premises & do not perceive any change in the line of the street, or its elevation to be necessary.

Read & accepted.

Bells

Ordered, that the several sextons of those Churches where the bells are usually rung at the hour of seven in the morning during the Summer months & at the hour of eight during the other months be directed to toll the day of the month, slow and distinct after the ringing, according to ancient usage.

Overseers & House of Correction

Communication from Levi Bartlett resigning his office as one of the Overseers of the House of Correction. Read & accepted, & thereupon Ordered, that the thanks of this board be given to Levi Bartlett, Esq. for his faithful services in the office aforesaid.

The Mayor nominated Lemuel P. Grosvenor & Edmund Parsons as Directors of the House of Correction in the place of Majr. Charleston & Bartlett resigned; the board confirmed the same.

South Allen St. drain

The Superintendent of Streets & drains reports, that he has caused the Common Sewer in South Allen street to be continued & entered into that of Blopom street, measuring three hundred & twelve feet in length, sixteen inches in the clear, seven feet deep in South Allen street, & six feet in Blopom street, at 5/6 per foot, whole cost two hundred & eighty six dollars. Read & accepted & referred to the Mayor.

Welles Ash & Oak St.

Communication of John Welles, relative to Ash & Oak Streets, laid out by him & offered to the town of Boston, for acceptance, in 1804. Read & com.d to Ald. Carney & Bellows, to examine if the streets have been accepted.

Petition of William Lorehore, to have the Common Sewer in Washington Street near Boynton House sunk lower, so that the Cellars may be drained. Read and committed to the Mayor, with authority to engage the Superintendent of Streets & Drains to have it done. Lorehore. Washington St.

Petition of Elizabeth Powell, Henry Powell & Tim. & Thomas Kilner, for a license for the Federal Street Theatre, from the eighteenth day of September next inclusive to the end of the Calender and City year. Read & thereupon Ordered, that a license be granted, for the term aforesaid, & until the further order of this board upon giving bonds & paying therefor three hundred & fifty dollars. Federal Street Theatre.

Notice having been given to all persons interested or adjoining the Common Sewer in Broad Street to appear at this time & show cause, if any they have, why said Common Sewer should not be deepened, and extended to the Dock adjoining Foster's wharf, & the expense thereof apeped on those who may be benefitted thereby. Broad Street drain

And now no person appearing to object, it is thereupon ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets & drains cause the same to be laid under the direction of the Mayor, and the Committee of the District.

Notice having been given to all persons interested in that part of the drain running thro' Kilby Street formerly called Adams street to appear at this time & show cause, if any they have, why that part of the drain running thro' Liberty Square, should not be extended so as to join the drain laid the last year by the City, under the direction of Messrs. Watertown, Gray & Co. & the expense thereof apeped according to law. Kilby St. drain

And now no person appearing to object, it is thereupon ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets and drains cause the

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same to be laid under the direction of the Mayor, & the Committee of the district.

Robbins Milkstreet. Petition of Edward H. Robbins, Junior & Richard D. Tucker, praying that the Common Sewer in Milk street, between Federal & Atkinson streets, may be taken up & repaired. Read & thereupon Ordered, that all persons interested be notified to appear before this board on Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Adjourned to Thursday next 7 o'Clock. P. M.

Thursday September 1st. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board except Alderman Blake.

Shuttleff Pemberton's Hill Ordered, that the subject of cutting off Dr. Shuttleff's land to widen Common street on Pemberton's Hill be referred to the Mayor, Aldermen Bryant & Welch, with full power to treat with him on the terms entered into between him & the City.

Ganong Elephant Application of Eli Ganong, for a license to exhibit an Elephant. Read & thereupon ordered, that a license be granted upon paying therefor, four dollars per month.

Doane street. Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants require, that Doane street be widened on the southerly side thereof, so as to make said street thirty feet wide; beginning at the corner alley, running through land of William Vernon & Benjamin Adams to the brick store

of said Adams and the same is hereby widened & laid out accordingly, in the manner & according to the proposition of Thomas Dennie & others, & Benjamin Adams; said Vernon who was the only proprietor objecting to the same, being duly notified, he accordingly attended on the premises with the whole board, & agreed to take notice, on the nineteenth ultimo, for the purpose of viewing the premises and laying out said Street.

Flats

The committee of this board to whom was referred the report of a joint committee on the subject of erecting a Dyke on the flats belonging to the City & Individuals westward of Charles street reported, that it is expedient to adopt the resolutions which came up for concurrence, and are recorded at large under the proceedings of this board at their last meeting on the twenty ninth day of Aug^t last. But that there should be entered on the records of this board, an express declaration, that the City is never to be considered by any thing contained in that report, bound to make at its own expence any other streets, than those which may be laid out over its own lands. Read & accepted, and the resolutions adopted in concurrence with the Common Council.

Ordered, that Aldermen Carney Bellows & Welsh, be a committee to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Robbins Milk st.

Notice having been given for all persons interested to appear at this time & shew cause, if any they have, why the Common Sewer in Milk Street, between Federal & Atkinson Streets should not be taken up and repaired; & the expense thereof apeped according to law, upon the petition of Edward H Robbins, Esq^r & others; No person

appearing

appearing to object. Thereupon ordered, That the prayer of said petition be granted under the direction of the Mayor & the Superintendent of Streets &c drains.

Bacon
Ash street

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Bacon & others, to have directions in regard to their side walks, in Ash Street, as it is called, Report, that they have attended to that duty & made diligent enquiry in regard to Ash street, but do not find that any such street has been accepted by the town or City, & in fact that there is no such street; the one alluded to in the petition as Ash street has no outlet at either end, & although Wm. John Wells has generously offered the City all the land through his estate for a street, to be called Ash Street; yet as individuals refuse to open it into Pine & Bennet streets, your committee deem it inexpedient to take any further order on the subject at present. Which is respectfully submitted

D. Carney, Jr. order.

Read & accepted.

Elliot
Hillman St.

The committee on the petition of John Elliot, relative to the situation of Hillman Street, the water running into his Cellar, reported, that a Cist pool be immediately made.

Read & accepted.

Low
Whitebread Alley.

Petition of George Low & others, praying that Whitebread Alley, may hereafter be known & called Bartlett lane. Read & thereupon ordered; that public notice be given to all persons to appear on Monday next, 7 o'Clock P.M. and shew cause, if any they have, why Whitebread alley should not be known & called Bartlett Street, by publishing said notice in the newspapers.

Sidewalks.

The committee to whom was referred, for their consideration "what principles ought to be adopted in relation to the reception by the City of the side walks" — Respectfully ask leave to report. That they have attended to the duty assigned them, with diligence; & they perceive that difficulties may occur in this important change, but they are trifling in the opinion of your committee when compared with the equitable advantages to be derived from the system proposed. And in fixing the standard by which the side walks should be made acceptable to the Surveyors of Highways, it has been attended with some embarrassment to satisfy even themselves. Should it be required of every Citizen to put his side walk in the best possible condition, it might in some cases be attended with an expense equal, if it did not exceed the value of the estate. This requirement might indeed meet the views of owners of the most valuable estates, but would not be just in regard to others. Your committee are therefore of the opinion, that as a general rule, a middle course would be the most equitable, so that all the said side walks should be put in what may be called good order & repair, previous to their being accepted; believing that the most opulent would continue to do, what they have habitually done, which is, to lay their side walks in the best manner — with these views the committee recommend the following.

"In conformity with, & by virtue of the order of the City Council of the fourth of June, last, the Surveyors of Highways, give notice, <u>with respect to all sidewalks now laid</u>, that they will be accepted & deemed

Satisfactory

Sidewalks

satisfactory if laid with good & sufficient edge stone in front, & if the space between said stone & the building, or fence be laid with good hard burnt, faced, & common brick so as to present a smooth & even surface; & if the foundation of the said side walk shall be of such materials as to render it reasonably secure, from being loose or raised by frost, & not liable to decay;- and with respect to all sidewalks hereafter paved, that they will be accepted, whenever the same shall be laid as above mentioned, with this addition that the edge stone in front shall not be less than six feet in length, six inches thick, & eighteen inches high; and further that no side walk whether now paved or hereafter to be paved, will be accepted, where there is any projection of any door step more than twelve inches into the sidewalk, or where any platform of any cellar door, be above the level of any sidewalk, nor where all the provisions required by law on the subject of the highways are not fully complied with, by the abutters.

The Surveyors of Highways also give notice that all persons offering their side walks for acceptance, must do it in writing describing the length & width of the same, the name of the street, & on whose estate it adjoins, on both sides."

J. Bellows, Spec order

Read and accepted and thereupon,

Ordered, that the City Clerk cause a book to be kept in which the names of the streets shall be alphabetically arranged, & in which all the side walks which shall have been accepted, shall be entered, with the date of such acceptance, the length of each street, the width of such side walk, &

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the names of the owner of the estates to which it adjoins; and also the owners of the adjoining estates.

Ordered, That the whole board meet at the Mill Creek, near the Hay scales tomorrow 11 o'Clock A. M. Mill creek

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Monday September 5th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor— Aldermen Dyer, Bellows, Bryant & Welsh.

Resolved, That the street leading over Pemberton's hill, called Common street, be widened by cutting off the house and land of Dr. S. A. Shurtleff, according to the plan of the same taken by S. P. Fuller, and the agreement of said Shurtleff. Common St. Pemberton's hill

Petition of Israel Thorndike, praying that Summer street may be widened. Read & committed to the Mayor, Alderman Marshall to consider & report. I. Thorndike Summer St.

Agreeable to notice, on the petition of George Low & others, to have White head alley altered to Bartlett St. Bartlett street, no person appearing to object to the same, it is ordered that the name be changed accordingly. Low Bartlett St.

Communication from Edward H. Robbins Jun. relative to land taken from him to widen Washington street near Province house row, Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Wilder & Bellows, to consider & report. Robbins Washington St.

Carter — Petition of Thomas Carter, claiming the reward offered by the City for detecting rioters. Read and committed to Aldermen Bellows, Marshall & Welsh to consider and report.

Kramer — Application of M. Kramer, for a license to exhibit a musical clock. Read & referred to the Mayor to consider & report.

Musical Clock

Swift — Petition of Mary Swift to have the common sewer, in Ann street, near the bottom of Carter Street taken up & repaired. Read & referred to the Mayor to consider & report.

Ann Street

Penniman — Ordered, that Alderman Bellows be added to the committee on the subject of taking Mrs Penniman's land to widen Washington street.

Washington St.

Streets — Resolved, that the whole board will meet at the head of Pinkney street, to view the streets in that neighbourhood, in order to settle the elevations, tomorrow morning at 8 o'Clock, immediately afterward in North Allen street, for the purpose of considering the expediency of laying out a new street to Poplar street.

Adjourned to Thursday next 9 o'Clock P.M.

Tuesday September 6. 1825.

Streets. — The whole board proceeded to view the streets of Pinkney street and its neighbourhood, and afterwards proceeded to North Allen street, agreeably to the vote of yesterday.

Thursday September 8. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Dyer, Marshall, and Bryant.—

Petition of Ebenezer Smith, praying for a further time of one year to build on a lot of land leased to him by the City, called Mill Pond lands. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows & Dyer, with such as the Common Council may join to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence: Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Wells, Bowman & Reed. Smith

Petition of William Pratt & David Hill, praying the City to quit claim all right to a small piece of land on Milk street, between the land of the Petitioners. Read & committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Bryant with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence: Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Richardson, Merriam & Willis. Pratt & Hill Milk St.

Application of Job Plimpton, for a license for a Concert at Columbian Hall. Granted upon paying therefor one Dollar. Plimpton

Petition of Stephen Emmons & John A. Merrill, praying that they may be compensated for injury done to their Chaise in consequence of obstructions placed in Washington street by the Gaiters. Read & committed to Aldermen Carnes & Bellows, to consider & report. Emmons & Merrill

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows & Welsh be a com.e upon the subject of the line between Roxbury & this City. Roxbury Line

Petition of James L. P. Brooks and

Brooks Thomas Simmons praying that Twist street may be forth-
Fisk & 1st st. with opened & extended northerly from Rice's distillery to 1st
street. Read & the prayer thereof granted, provided the
same be done without expence to the City.

Petition of Benjamin Adams for leave
Adams
Bangs alley to haul goods into his store on Bangs alley. Read & the
prayer thereof not granted, the board deeming it inexpedient
to permit the same.

Communication from William Foster rela-
Foster
Broad & Hanchett tive to water flowing into his well on his estates corner of
streets. Broad & Hanchett streets. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake,
Marshall & Crosby to consider & report.

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock P. M.

Monday September 22d 1823.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board, except Alderman Carney.

Ordered, that Alderman Bryant, &
May, Grove, Southack & West Centre st. Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, be
a committee to consider the expediency of making provision
for forthwith reducing the level of May, Grove, Southack,
& West Centre streets, and to use the gravel and soil, for
the purpose of filling up the flats adjoining Charles street.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the
Common Council joined on its part Messrs Tracy, Farnsworth
& W. Simonds.

Communication from the auditor of accounts, respecting the state of the appropriations for the paving & repair of streets. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows & Marshall to consider & report. Paving

The committee on the petition of David Greenough relative to land & building corner of Court & Common streets, reported that it is inexpedient to take any part of said premises. Read & accepted. Greenough Court & Common streets.

Petition of P. C. Brooks, in behalf of William Vernon for compensation for land taken from him to widen Doane street. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall, to consider & report. Vernon Doane street.

Application of Jonathan Whitney for permission to lay a suction pipe across Brighton street. Read & the prayer thereof granted. Whitney Brighton st.

Petition of James Stevens & others, that a common sewer be laid by the City in the lower part of Friend street. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report. Stevens Friend st

The committee on the communication of the Boston Mill Corporation, proposing to purchase a piece of land near Charlestown street, bounding on the canal, reported, that it is inexpedient to sell the same. Read & accepted. Boston Mill Corp.

On the petition of Cornelius Coolidge, praying that the common sewer in Liberty street, Liberty square & Battery March street, be taken up & repaired, Ordered that all persons interested be notified to appear before this Board on Thursday next, 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why Coolidge Liberty st. &c.

why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, & the expense thereof assessed according to law, by publishing notice in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Trull

Hawkins st.

On the petition of Ezra Trull, praying that a common sewer be laid in Hawkins street. Ordered, that all persons interested be notified to appear before this board, on Thursday next, 7 o'clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, & the expense thereof assessed according to law, by publishing notice in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Wheeler

Order of the Common Council committing the petition of Benjamin Wheeler to have certain moneys refunded to him which he paid for the removal of dirt & filth from a dock adjoining the premises of the Petitioner near Ann street; it was declared to be a nuisance by the Health Commissioners in the year 1824, & removed by their order, & the Petitioner thinks he was unjustly assessed for the same to Messrs. Fuller, Farnsworth & Fenno; with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider and report. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Dyer & Oliver are joined.

Neck lands

Order of the Common Council directing the Committee on Neck lands to offer for sale at public auction, some day within one month, a certain number of lots, not exceeding ten to be laid out at their discretion on the east & west sides of Washington street, on such conditions as to the said committee shall seem good; except that no building shall be erected on said lots, within thirty feet of

the said street, unless the same be of brick or stone.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Kramer Musical Clock

The Mayor reported, on the application of W. Kramer, for a license to exhibit a musical clock at Concert Hall, that said license be granted, he paying therefor one dollar per week until the further order of this board. Read and accepted, & licensed accordingly.

South Boston bridge.

The committee to whom was referred a resolve of the City Council "to ascertain upon what terms South Boston bridge can be purchased, & what sum or sums of money can be obtained from individuals & corporations to be applied to said purchase, with a view to make said toll bridge a free bridge" have attended to that duty & ask leave to report.

First. Your committee commenced the discharge of their duty in the order proposed to them; but the remote and scattered residence of many of the proprietors of said bridge, in parts of the commonwealth to your committee unknown, presented difficulties in the onset of this inquiry which necessarily prevented that particular investigation of this part of the subject, that otherwise might have been expected of them. But your committee are greatly indebted to the ready & kind assistance given them by the Treasurer of the S. Boston bridge association, from whose knowledge of the proprietors & personal attention in calling upon many of them, they have been enabled to ascertain, that seventy nine of the shares in said bridge can be had for the sum of 14,740 dollars; the price per share varying from $110 to $340 each, the last

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S. Boston bridge

mentioned sum is the original cost; therefore reckoning the balance say 69 shares at $340 each (tho' your committee have reason to believe that they may be had for a far less price pro ratio, than the first mentioned) would fix the price of the bridge at the round sum of thirty six thousand two hundred & sixty dollars.

Secondly. Your committee began the last branch of their enquiry with a strong feeling, certainly, that they might be serviceable in helping forward the generous purposes of the City Council, to harmonize the interests & reconcile the feelings of that portion of its respectable fellow citizens, who have hitherto been engaged in the provoking controversy, of a free bridge from South Boston, with the reasonable inference, that the duty of those whose interest it is, would naturally incline them cheerfully, to join & support the government in the accomplishment of so desirable an object. Yet after the distribution of subscription papers in the manner usual in such cases, setting forth the intention of them, agreeably to your committees instructions, they have the mortification to say, that nothing has been subscribed.

So far as your committee are conversant with grounds taken by the opposing parties, which seems so paradoxical, in this case, it is not, that interest or zeal has at all abated, on either side; the erection of a new bridge is as warmly talked of by the one party, as is a spirited determination manifested by the other to resist it. There is indeed much force in the reasoning urged by the owners & occupants of estates on Front street, setting forth the probable reduction in the value of their property & the annual annihilation of their business should another

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bridge be suffered to cross each of the one now built; and there is, too, great propriety & truth in the arguments offered by the owners & occupants of estates situated at South Boston, in relation to the inequality of their condition, contrasted with that of their fellow Citizens in other parts of the City. Your committee however, forbear any discussion as to the merits of the ground taken by either of the disputants. Therefore recommend to the City Council, that no further order be taken upon the subject. All which is respectfully submitted.

Josiah Marshall, per order.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

Engine houses

The committee of the City Council on the subject of locating engine houses, respectfully report, in part, That after great deliberation they came to a unanimous opinion that one of the Engines & those apparatus should be fixed somewhere in the central part of the City on the rising ground between the Federal burying grounds on the South, & Common Street on the north, somewhere in Common Street. They were also of opinion that these locations were in their nature & general relations so important that they ought to be owned by the City; & not to be allowed to depend on hiring or temporary arrangements. & of course ought to be situated with chief reference to the permanent interest of the City, & that expence of the location should be less considered than suitableness & adaptation to a speedy communication with every part of the City, particularly with

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the thick settled parts of it. An engine placed somewhere in Common street between the points above mentioned, would easily be carried to any fire, facilitated by the descent, to the north by Hanover street, to the west end through Bowdoin square, to the Long wharf, & places adjoining through Court street.

Engine Houses

One of our great engines ought therefore in the opinion of the committee to be located in one of the above streets, between the points as above mentioned.

The only obstacle was the great value of the land, it being found that no location could be probably obtained of sufficient extent between the points, & in the street specified at less than five thousand dollars.

Circumstances however have favoured the views of the Committee in this respect. By an arrangement made with the Surveyors of highways, who, in pursuance of the prospective plan, formerly adopted by the City Council had commenced widening Common street at Pemberton's hill, the estate owned by Dr. Shurtleff was put up at public auction — your committee were unanimously of opinion that the part of the land which formed the South east corner of the lot so offered at auction would be probably the most eligible place for the location of an Engine house; that the opportunity if now lost would never occur again; & taking into consideration the price the Surveyors of highways were willing & had offered to pay for the land cut off to widen Common street, would come at a most reasonable price. Under these circumstances the committee recommended to the Mayor to take such measures as would enable the City Council to secure a sufficient place for an engine house on that estate. Such measures have been

taken

taken. & you committee have now the satisfaction to states, that in consequence of the measures thus taken, the City Engineer may obtain all the land cut off by the Surveyors of Highways to widen Common street, for which they had offered two thousand five hundred dollars, & in addition a piece of land, precisely of the extent desired for an Engine house, twenty feet wide on Common street, & thirty four feet deep, perfectly rectangular, in this most eligible position, for the sum of three thousand dollars. — That is to say, the Engine house lot, beyond what the Surveyors of highways had been willing to pay for the land taken to widen Common street, will not thus cost the City more than five hundred dollars, instead of five thousand dollars, which had been the sum demanded for an equal space on Common street, in a position far less eligible. Upon the whole your committee are unanimously of opinion in favour of this location, & recommend for the adoption of the City Council the following resolution, which is respectfully submitted, by order Josiah Quincy, Chairman

Engine house

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of locating an Engine house be & they hereby are authorized to purchase as much of the land lately sold by Doctor [illegible] on Common street for an Engine house as they may deem expedient, & for this purpose a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, be & the same hereby is appropriated. Report read & accepted, in the Common Council, and the resolve passed. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Resolved, That the whole board will meet in Park street tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

Park street

Adjourned to meet in Park Street tomorrow morning 8 o'Clock.

Thursday September 13th 1825.

The board met this morning in Park Street agreeably to adjournment, and viewed said Street.

Park Street

Resolved that a side walk be made on the westerly side of said street next to the fence of the Mall, that the side walk on the easterly side of said street be laid on a line so as to reduce that on the side of Park Street to the breadth of one foot that the several steps which project into the street be taken away so as to leave only one in the street; and that the Carriage way of said Street be macadamized.

Adjourned to Thursday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday September 15th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board except Alderman Carney.

Quarantine

Ordered, that Aldermen Blake, Welsh & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to consider the expediency of making any alteration in the Quarantine ordinance, with leave to report by ordinance or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on the part Messrs Gray, Goddard, Wallet and Adam.

Resolved, That the board will proceed to take down that part of Elisha Penniman's store on Washington Street, which was taken to widen said street. The same to be done on the thirtieth day of December next. — Penniman Washington St.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Mall & Common be instructed to make such arrangements as they may think fit in regard to the removal of the Gun House. Gun house

Ordered, That Aldermen Bryant & Welsh be instructed to agree with Benjamin Coombie for land necessary to open a street through Poplar Court, so called, & pay a price not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, if they see fit. Coombie Poplar Court

Communication from William Sullivan & Richard Sullivan, Esquires, in behalf of the Boston Concord Boating Company, which Company are stated to be lessees of Tufts wharf, dock, flats, & water privileges, situated near the east end of Charles river bridges; said Company claim of the City damages for filling up said dock, & laying out streets over the same. Read & this board have no proposition to make, & deny that any damages has been sustained by said Company. Boston & Concord Boating Co

Ordered, That the communication of Israel Thorndike relative to widening Summer Street be referred to Aldermen Blake and Marshall to consider and report. Thorndike Summer St.

The committee on the petition of Benjamin Wheeler, to have money refunded which he paid in the year 1824, for clearing away filth in a docke near Wheeler

near Ann Street; by order of the Health Commissioners, reported, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Health Com. Communication was received from Thomas
Brig Factor Parkison, Esq. Health Commissioner, stating, that the brig Factor was found to be very foul; she was detained at Quarantine; her Cargo consists of Sugars & molasses which it is necessary to discharge before she can be cleaned. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Health Commissioners be directed to do every thing in the premises that the health of the City requires.

Neck lands The committee of Neck lands reported, that they caused a lot of land (bounded by Washington & Oakham Streets) to be duly advertized for sale on the terms expressed; but that there was no bid made equal to the minimum price at which they were directed to put up the same. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Green Order of the Common Council consenting
Engine House the petition of John Green Junior, to purchase or hire on a lease the vacated Engine House situated at and adjoining the west end of South Boston Bridge — to the committee on Neck lands, to consider & report. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Engines. Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to procure from Philadelphia, one thousand feet of hose for engines.

The Mayor reported, that he has in pursuance of the authority given him by the City Council executed a deed of the Alms house estate on Leverett street, & received in notes collaterally secured by mortgage $90,000. which with the sum paid in cash of . . . . 10,000. $100,000. Alms house estate.

The notes thus received have been delivered over to the Treasurer for which he has received the receipt subjoined to said report. The collateral mortgages have been duly left to be recorded. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Emmons, and John A. Merrill, reported, that considering the length of time in which Washington street has been in some degree obstructed by paving, yet only one half of this wide street has been closed at any one time, always having at least fifty feet of travelled way, it having became a subject of such public notoriety, that every person passing out of the City must have observed the obstructions - your committee are therefore of the opinion that the Petitioners are entitled to nothing by way of damages. Emmons & Merrill

Respectfully submitted, J. Bellows.

Read & accepted.

Ordered, That the Mayor & Superintendent of streets & drains cause a common sewer to be laid in Hawkins street, agreeable to the petition of Ezra Trull. Notice having been given agreeable to the order passed at the last meeting of the Board & no person appearing to object. Trull Hawkins St.

Ordered, That the Mayor & the Superintendents of Streets & drains cause a common sewer to be laid in Liberty Liberty St. &c.

Liberty Street, Liberty Square & Battery March street, agreeable to the petition of Cornelius Coolidge. Notice having been given agreeable to an order of this board at their last meeting, & no person appearing to object.

Stevens Friend st.

The Mayor reports, on the petition of James Stevens, & others, that a common Sewer be made on the lower part of Friend Street, that all persons be notified to appear on Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. Read & accepted, & ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday September 19th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board - except Aldermen Carney and Blake.

Stevens Friend st.

Notice having been given on the petition of James Stevens, & others, that a drain or common sewer be laid in the lower part of Friend Street, and no person appearing to object, it is thereupon Ordered, that the same be done under the direction of the Mayor & the Superintendent of drains &c.

Appleton Prince st.

Petition of Charles Appleton, & others, praying, that a drain or common Sewer be made from Prince Street, through the Street or passage way leading to Bond Street, & the expence thereof assessed according to law. Ordered, that all persons interested be notified to appear before this board, on Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M. & shew cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should

should not be granted, by publishing a notice in once or more newspapers printed in Boston, & in the mean time that it be referred to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver to ascertain if the City owns said passage way.

Communication from Thomas Jackson, Health Com.
Esq. Health Commissioner, relative to the quarantine of vessels Quarantine
where the Crews & passengers are sick, also concerning passengers being discharged before the expiration of quarantine. Read & committed to the Committee who have under consideration an alteration of the quarantine laws, to consider and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The joint committee on the petition of Ebenezer Smith for extension of time to build on a lot of land leased to him, reported, that it is expedient Smith
that the prayer of said petition be granted. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with the following amendment viz: "Provided that the said Smith enter into Covenant with the City, that the extension of time granted for building shall in no wise affect the original lease."

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Petition of Ephraim Marsh & others, Marsh
that an Engine may be located in Warren or Pleasant Streets, and that a passage from Common to Pleasant Streets be made sufficiently wide for an Engine to pass. Read & referred to the Committee who have under consideration the location of Engine houses to consider and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Sweeney

Report of the committee on the petition of James Sweeny, for remuneration for several articles of household furniture destroyed by a mob, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Thursday September 22d 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board except Alderman Carney.

Appleton
Prince St.

Notice having been given on the petition of Charles Appleton & others, praying, that a common sewer may be made from Prince street through a street or passage way to Pond street & the committee of the district having returned that said way is a public highway, & no person appearing to object, it is ordered, That the same be laid under the direction of the Mayor & the Superintendent of drains &c. the assessment made according to law.

Vernon
Doane St.

Communication of William Vernon making a claim for land taken to widen Doane street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows, Marshall & Welsh to consider & report.

Snow hill
Street

The committee of the board of Aldermen for the Northern district have to report to the board an encroachment as they believe, by W.m Vernon Esquire to the wall of late S. Brown Esq. upon the towns highway called Snow hill

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street, which he is taking down the hill or highway so as to take from the City a line of three hundred & twenty or more feet, by thirteen feet in width making at least four thousand one hundred & Sixty feet; a memorandum from the records is herewith, commencing as far back as 1642, & at different periods since, one of which is in the words following to wit, "June 2. 1736 — Wm. Grafton & Company desire liberty to set up a fence on Snow hill at 24 feet from the bringing place for the breadth of the street running over Snow hill — upon searching the town records relating to said Street, we find it should be two rods in breadth." Now your committee deem it proper to lay these facts before the board, & it is for them to take such order as may be deemed expedient.

Per order. H. A. Brewer.

Read & thereupon ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to write to William Vernon, or his Agent to desist in encroachments from making encroachments on Snow hill Street.

Order of the Common Council discharging the Committee from any further consideration of the subject of levelling Main Grove, Southack & West Centre Streets, & carting the gravel for the purpose of filling up lots adjoining Centre Streets. — Main Grove Southack & West Centre Streets.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Communication from Council Shute Esq. in behalf of Watson & Freeman, & others, heirs at law & devisees of Watson Freeman deceased, relative to a grant made by the former town of Boston of land near Beacon hill to Jonathan A. & Benjamin Austin, relative to the title of said land an action is now pending. Read and committed to Aldermen Blake, — Freeman — Beacon hill.

311. and Welsh with instructions to take care of the interest of the City.

Hill — Petition of William Hill, for compensation for land taken to widen High Street. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall, to consider and report.

High St.

Watch house — The committee of the City Council

Elliot St. on the subject of a new location for a watch house in the vicinity of Boylston Market, in lieu of that sold to W.F. Knight, respectfully report, That the exigencies of the City will at all times require, that in certain vicinities having reference to the number or nature of the population, or to facility of communication with different sections of the City, Watch houses should be located. & these locations when ascertained ought, systematically to be purchased by the City, inasmuch as hiring exposes the City to inconvenience & expense, & particularly to the inconvenience of shifting their locations, or being subject to the imporitions of the owners of the soil. With these general views your Committee consider that Elliot street in the vicinity of Washington street is one of the most eligible locations for this purpose. With these references they have examined a piece of land owned by Mr. Ebenezer Marsh, & are of opinion that it will be expedient for the City to possess themselves of that location; the lot adjoins the mansion of the late Wm. Sinches, has the benefit of a five feet passage way, & can be purchased at one dollar & nineteen cents the square foot, at which price the Mayor has secured by an obligation signed by Mr. Marsh for ten days. the refusal of the lot to the City Council. — Under all circumstances your committee apprehend

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that the price is reasonable, & although the purchase will render necessary the acquisition of more land than is absolutely necessary for a Watch house, yet your Committee are satisfied that the City after cutting off what may be found necessary, may make sale of the residue at a price, which will make the part taken by the City in its own use cheaper than it would be possible for the City in any other way, in so good a location to obtain. The whole quantity of land in the lot is eighteen hundred & thirty eight feet, which at $1.19 pr. foot amounts to $2187,22/100: the terms of Mr. Marsh are that $487.22/100 should be paid in cash, the residue $1700. in ten years with interest at five per Cent. payable semi-annually.

The City has also received of Mr. Knapp the sum of one thousand dollars, for its right in the course of the old drain, from Washington Street to Front street, & its consequent right in the present Watch house. Your Committee apprehend that after taking what may be necessary for a Watch house from the lot proposed to be purchased, the residue if the City see fit may be sold at a price which will dispose the City of this eligible location for the amount they obtained for its right to the old drain course, & watch house, & probably for less. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolutions predicated on the relations of this subject as above stated. By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy. Chairman.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed with full power to purchase the lot of land owned by Ephraim Marsh on Eliot Street, at a price not exceeding one dollar & nineteen cents the square foot, for which pur-

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316. purpose a sum not exceeding twenty two hundred dollars, & & the same is hereby appropriated.

Resolved, that the said committee be authorized to consider & report upon the quality of land contained in the above lot, which may be necessary to use for a watch house, & report their opinion upon the same; & also on what measures it may be expedient for the City Council to adopt in relation to the disposition of the residue of said lot, & to the building a suitable watch house. Read & accepted, in Common Council, and the resolves passed, and Mess.rs Frothingham, Rice & Stevens were appointed a committee on its part to carry the same into effect. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows & Welsh are appointed on the part of this board.

Ancient records

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the ancient records, reported in part, that they have attended to the business of their commission; & have employed a person to examine the loose papers found in one of the apartments of the old Court house; they are found in great confusion; & in their present situation in consequence of the revolutionary war, papers of no value were indiscriminately mixed with those of value. The committee have caused these papers to be separated from each other; the original writs, executions & all original papers from 1700 to 1774 have been collected into years & tied up in files, to the number of 36, 000; but a large number still remain to be arranged. They also found in two other apartments of the same building a large number of judicial papers from the time the Courts were organized

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after the evacuation of Boston by the British army in 1776 up to 1800, but they were in far less disorder & can be more easily arranged. The committee recommend to the City Council, that a joint resolution be passed, authorizing them to employ the same person to assort & file all the papers, which may appear to be of value; & that the sum of be appropriated towards defraying the expense of the same. Tho.s Welsh Junr. for the Committee.

The foregoing report was read & accepted, in the Common Council; & thereupon Ordered, that the sum of four hundred dollars, be and hereby is appropriated to defray the expense already incurred in obtaining an orderly arrangement of the ancient records of original writs, executions & other papers remaining in disorder, in the old Court house. Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Female Scholars

Resolve of the Common Council requesting the School committee to consider the expediency of adopting a regulation whereby the female Scholars who attend the public Schools may be permitted to attend the whole of the year. Came up for concurrence

Read & concurred.

House of Industry

The committee to whom was referred the representation of the Directors of the House of Industry relative to the erection of a house for the male blacks, for a slaughter house for that establishment, respectfully report, That a former appropriation of sixteen hundred dollars for a house for the blacks has been found more than sufficient for that object. But the importance of separating the sexes, & the uses to which the house now erecting may

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be put besides accommodating the female blacks has rendered it expedient that another should be erected for the accommodation of the male blacks, for which purpose the sum of one thousand dollars in addition to the unexpended balance of the former appropriation will be sufficient. Your committee therefore have recommended an appropriation for that object. With respect to a slaughter house the letter of Daniel Hastings, Esq. one of the Directors of the Home of Industry will explain the many uses to which the house proposed may be put & is requisite. Your committee therefore recommend a resolution for the requisite appropriation. Which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting a house for the accommodation of the male blacks in the House of Industry.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting a house as a drying house for oakum & as a slaughter house, & for the protection of the agricultural implements belonging to the House of Industry.

The foregoing report was read & accepted in the Common Council, & the resolves being twice read passed.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Carleton Common &c.

The Mayor reports on the petition of Paul Carleton, for pay for land taken to widen Common street, that in consequence of an arrangement made with said Carleton his claim has been abandoned. Read & accepted.

Communication from Thomas Parkman, Esq. Health Comm.
Health Commissioners relative to the sickness & death of a
seaman belonging to the Ship Fame, in quarantine: Rec.
& thereupon Ordered, That the resident Physician, Health Com
missioners & Selectmen together be entitled to attend at
this board, on Monday evening next at 7 o'Clock.

Adjourned to Monday next, 7 o'Clock P. M.

Monday September 26th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The whole board except Alderman Carter.

Petition of the Directors of the Proprietors Main & Mill
Mill Corporation praying that Commissioners may be appointed Charlestown St.
& to determine the Elevation of Charlestown Street, & also an
addition to the Bridge over the Canal as may be necessary
to the Opening said Street. Read & committed to Aldermen
Prince, Tyng & Otis, to consider & report.

Communication from Samuel A. Shurtleff relative to the sale of his estate on Pemberton's Hill & that part Shurtleff
of it taken to widen Common Street. Read & committed to Pemberton Hill
the Mayor to consider & report.

Order of the Common Council com- Dexter
mitting to the quarantine Committee the Communication of Dr. Quarantine
Theodore Dexter, resident Physician of Hospital Island relative to
the quarantine Establishment, & the practice under it, praying
that a committee may be appointed to investigate the subject
said Committee to hear the parties & report. Came up for concurrence

Read & concurred.

Communication of the Health Commissioner

Health Com. Vessel relative to the Brig Victor, at Hospital Island; which Brig
Brig Victor having been found, it was thought necessary to scuttle her
the crew of which vessel had left her. The Health com-
missioner asked instructions in the premises. Read & thereupon
Ordered, That the Wardens & owners be informed, when said
vessel shall be discharged from quarantine, & that she will be
delivered when they shall choose to send for her.

Dunmore. The committee to whom was referred
the Petition of John Dunmore, for remuneration for expense
& damage sustained by him in consequence of his horses &
Carriage getting into a drain in Portland street, Reported,
That it is inexpedient to take any further order thereon.
Read & accepted.

Snow Hill Street. The Mayor reported, that he has
wrote to Nathaniel Hill & William Vernon relative to the
Bridge on Snow hill Street agreeable to the order of this
Board.

Hill, High St. The committee on the petition of
William Hill, for pay for land taken to widen High street,
reported, That the petitioner be allowed one dollar per
square foot, for said land. Read & accepted.

Elwell, Washington St. The committee on the petition of Charles
Elwell for pay for land taken to widen Washington street,
reported, That the petitioner be allowed one dollar per
square foot for said land. Read & accepted.

Physician & Island Keeper. The resident Physician Health Commission-
er Island Keeper attended before the Board agreeable to an order
passed

papers at the last meeting— Thereupon ordered, that the subject be postponed.

The Superintendent of Streets & Sewers reported, that he had caused to be constructed the several drains & common sewers following, viz: Fortieth street; Water Street; Kilby street; Milk Street; Liberty street, Liberty Square and Battery march Street. Read & accepted & returned to the Mayor. Drains

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'Clock P.M.

Monday October 3rd 1825

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The whole board, except Aldermen Carney & Marshall.

Order of the Common Council committing the communication of the Health Commissioner relative to proceedings in the quarantine department the past season— to the committee who have under consideration the expediency of making alterations in the quarantine department, to consider & report. Health com Quarantine

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Petition of Ebenezer Smith, praying that the piece of land at the junction of Merrimac street & Portland street, may be filled up. Also that Market street may be raised, also a part of Merrimac street. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall to consider & report. Smith

Petition of Luther Spear, stating that the present rent of Deer Island is too high & praying that Deer Island Spear

322. the City would loan it to them for four hundred dollars for
same. Resd & Committee to Aldermen Piper & Mines with
such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the
Common Council joined on its part Messrs Tracy, Wm
Simonds & Richardson.

Pres. U. S. Resolved, That both branches of the
City Council will proceed, at twelve o'clock, tomorrow,
October 4th to pay their respects to the President of the United
States, at his lodgings in the Exchange Coffee House.
Came up for concurrence.
Read & concurred.

Health Com. & Island Keeper Order of the Common Council directing
the City Clerk forthwith to serve the Health Commissioner
& Island Keeper of the Charges made against them by the
Resident Physician, & to furnish each of them a copy of his
Communication made to the City Council. Came up for con-
currence.
Read & concurred.

Wood Bark Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen
Blake & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join,
be a committee to consider the expediency of making any
alteration in the ordinance regulating the measurement of
Wood & Bark, brought from the Country, for sale, with leave
to report by ordinance or otherwise. Sent down for
Concurrence. Came up concurred with the following amend-
ment viz: "And the said Committee are instructed to take
into consideration the expediency of taking any measures
for carrying into effect, the statute of the Commonwealth,
relating to the measurement of Charcoal." Came up for con-
currence.
Read and concurred.

Reservoirs

The committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of carrying into effect a vote of the last City Council relative to building reservoirs in several streets in the City ask leave to report, That they have duly considered the subject & they are of opinion that it is expedient that two Reservoirs be built without delay, of dimensions sufficient to contain fifty thousand gallons each & that they be built of brick or stone laid in Roman Cement, & of such form as shall be found on further examination best adapted to the uses for which they are designed. — In regard to location your committee are of the opinion that one of these should be built at or near Liberty square, & the other in Union street causeway, & for this purpose your committee submit the following resolve. Per order of the Committee. P. Bellows.

Report accepted in the Board of Aldermen — & thereupon Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be & hereby is appropriated for the purpose of building two Reservoirs agreeably to the aforegoing report, & that the Mayor & Aldermen be requested to carry the same into effect without delay. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Mayor's Message: Manufactures.

Gentlemen of the City Council,

Among the general relations of this City, those which are the most obvious, & which at the present day, seem most clearly to indicate its future destinies are those connections, which it has established & which are every day extending with the manufacturing interests of this, & the neighbouring States. These connections, the local position of Boston, the greatness of its

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capital; & the distinguished enterprize of its Citizens indicate that its future prosperity has a deep & intimate dependance on those rising manufacturing interests. — In this state of these general relations of this City, I deem it my duty to suggest to the City Council the propriety of taking into consideration whether any measures within the sphere of its powers can be taken to strengthen, encourage or enlarge these natural connections of this City with those great & growing interests. — Among the most simple & certain as well as obvious means for these purposes & which more than any other would have a tendency to concentrate & preserve the connections of those interests with this metropolis would be to provide by some public authority either of the State or City, for a public sale & exhibition at established periods, of the manufactures of this & the neighbouring States; & the provision of suitable places for such sale and exhibition.

In connection with this subject it is impossible not to perceive that the Place over the new market, if prepared for the purposes above intimated, would by its location; & other advantages, be peculiarly adapted to the ends proposed, & if so appropriated either in whole or in part might in this way, not only be made subservient to the general interests of the City, but also be thus made materially to increase its revenues. — With these general views both of duty & interest, I recommend to the City Council to take into an early consideration whether any & what measures ought to be adopted relative to the several objects herein suggested. Josiah Quincy

Read & committed in the Common Council to Messrs Williams, Wallcut, Parker, Parris & Weiss with such as the Board of Aldermen might join; to consider & report. Came up for concurrence.

Read

Read and concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Marshall and Bryant are joined.

Watch house Elliot Street.

The committee of the City Council on the subject of purchasing land for a watch house in Eliot street respectfully report in part, That the sum of twenty two hundred dollars was appropriated for this purpose, under a general impression communicated by Mr. Marsh, the proprietor, that the mortgagees of the land, Messrs Elizabeth & Susan Inches would be willing to receive the money & quit claim the land to the City. It appears however that these mortgagees refuse either to receive the money or to take City stock in lieu of their mortgage preferring the present state of their security to any other. The land thus purchased is therefore to be considered as under a mortgage for ten years, at five per cent. for the sum of seventeen hundred dollars. The whole sum agreed to be paid for the purchase was two thousand one hundred eighty seven dollars, & twenty two cents. And Mr. Marsh proposes to receive & give a warranty deed to the City, against all persons except the above mortgagees on the payment of the balance viz. four hundred eighty seven dollars, & twenty two cents. And your committee recommend an acquiescence in this arrangement, in which case a different form of appropriation may be requisite in conformity to which, the subjoined resolves are respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Resolved, That the appropriation of twenty two hundred dollars, made on the 22d of September, last, for the purchase of a lot of land in Eliot street, be & the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, be & the same is hereby appropriated to pay the balance due to Ephraim Marsh on the purchase of a lot of land in Eliot Street after deducting seventeen hundred dollars, the amount of a mortgage on said lot of land from the amount agreed to be paid by the City for the said purchase.

Resolved, That the sum of eighty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest of the mortgage above mentioned to Elizabeth & Susan Swibes whenever the same shall according to the terms of such mortgage fall due.

In the Common Council Read and accepted & the resolves being twice read passed.

Came up for concurrence

Read & concurred.

Assistant City Clerk

The committee to whom was referred the question as to "the legality of the Clerk of the Common Council being appointed Assistant Clerk of the City" have duly attended to that subject, & they ask leave to report that they are unanimously of opinion that there is no legal objection against one person's holding at the same time both the offices here alluded to.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. Blake for order.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Shurtleff's Common St.

The Mayor reports, that Dr. Shurtleff has withdrawn his petition on the subject of an allowance for land taken to widen Common Street, & the Committee request to be discharged from that subject. Read & the Com. discharged accordingly.

The Superintendent of Streets & Drains, Bloxham &
reports, that he has caused the lot at the corner of Bloxham & North Allen streets, complained of by George Prentiss, & by the North Allen
City Marshall, to be filled up; the whole cost to the City Streets.
Amounts one dollar fifty Cents. Read & accepted, & referred
to the auditor of accounts, with directions to open an ac-
count with the owners of said lots of land.

The Mayor reports on the communi- Robbins
cation of Dr. E. H. Robbins, that he has verbally agreed Washington st.
that if Washington be widened by cutting off Mr. Pomeroy's
estate, the said Robbins will demand nothing for his land,
& is content that the cutting away be postponed to the
thirtieth day of December next. Read & accepted.

The Mayor reported, that on the Lafayette's
application to General Lafayette, at each of the Portrait
periods he visited Boston, General Lafayette was pleased
to say, that during his residence in this City it would
not be in his power to comply with the request expressed
in the order of the 14th of March 1825, but that after
his return to France, should it be desired he would
with great pleasure [illegible] the wishes of the City Council.
Read & sent down.

Application of Samuel Wier for a Wier
license for a concert at Concert Hall, on Tuesday next. Concert
Read & granted on paying therefor one dollar.

Letter from William Vernon, relative to Vernon
his land taken to widen Doane street, acknowledging the notice of Doane st.
the Mayor upon the subject. Read & filed.

Shurtleff Common St.

The Mayor reports, that in consequence of an arrangement made with Dr. Shurtleff, & a purchase of a piece of land for an Engine house, Dr. Shurtleff has quit claimed to the City all his right & title to the land taken by the Surveyors of Highways to widen Common street, from his estate from the land owned by Mr. Carleton to the land owned by Wm. Lloyd, & the deed is recorded.

Read & accepted.

Hinckley Liberty St.

Petition of David Hinckley, praying that Liberty street be widened to forty feet. Read & thereupon Resolved, that the whole board will attend on the premises tomorrow at one o'clock for the purpose of viewing the same.

Dorr, State street.

Petition of Joseph W. Dorr & others, praying, that State street on the southerly side opposite Merchants' row, may be straightened, where the new buildings are now erecting so as to conform to a line to be drawn from the northwest corner of Kilby street.

Read & thereupon Resolved, That the whole board will attend on the premises tomorrow at one o'clock, for the purpose of viewing the same.

Allen Leverett St.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of John Allen Hunsking Nichols, relative to their building on Leverett street, reported, that in their opinion the building proposed requires no interference of the City government.

Read & accepted.

Adjourned to 12 o'clock tomorrow noon.

Met aurding to adjournment.

Present— The whole board, except Aldermen Kearney, Bellows & Marshall.

Ordered, That Thirty five hundred Seven Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for Common Pumps Sewers, Wells & Pumps.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen Reservoirs Bellows & Welsh be a committee for the purpose of carrying into effect the report of the Committee, directing that two Reservoirs be constructed one in or near Liberty Square, & the other in Union Street Square.

Mr. Goddard came up with a Message from C. Council Message to inform the board of Aldermen that the Common Council are ready to proceed to pay their respects to the President of the United States.

Alderman Dyer was charged with a Message to a message to inform the Common Council that the board of C. Council Aldermen are ready to proceed to pay their respects to the President of the United States agreeably to the vote of the City Council of yesterday.

The City Council proceeded in a President body to the Exchange Coffee house, where said member was U. S. introduced to John Quincy Adams, President of the United States.

In consequence of a heavy rain the meeting in Liberty Street & State street was postponed until tomorrow 1 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time accordingly.

Wednesday October 5th. 1825.

Liberty & State St.

The board proceeded on the premises to view Liberty street, and the south side of State street, for the purpose of considering the widening the first mentioned street, & straightening the southerly side of State street.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

Monday October 10th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board except Aldermen Looney and Blake.

Bishops Hull & Salem Streets.

Petition of John Bishop 2nd. and Daniel Colby, praying that the boundaries & elevation of a lot of land corner of Hull and Salem streets on which they are about building, may be determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report.

Williams & N. Market Streets.

Petition of John D. Williams, & others, prop'rs of stores on South & North Market streets, praying that the street of sixty five feet wide running at right angles with those streets & leading on to the Long wharf may be opened forthwith. Read & thereupon Ordered, that notice be given to the occupants of stores on said wharf Nos 9, 10 & 11 to quit & deliver up the same in fifteen days.

Milk & Federal Streets

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Blake & Bryant be a committee to consider & report upon the subject of widening Milk street, at the corner of Federal street.

Petition of Thomas L. Winthrop and James Bowdoin to be paid for land taken to widen Bowdoin Street. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report. Winthrop Bowdoin St.

Ordered, That the City Clerk issue a notice to Ebenezer Smith to appear before this Board on Monday next 4 o'Clock P. M. to shew cause, if any he has, why his side walks on Merrimac & Portland Streets, should not be removed. Smith

Petition of Thomas Lamb, praying that a narrow passage way leading from State to Doane Streets opposite Merchants row be closed, and he be permitted to build upon the same paying a reasonable price therefor. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Hallett, Richardson & Thacher. Lamb Doane Street

Petition of William Wright praying that the elevation of Broad way, South Boston, near the house that he is building may be determined. Read & committed to the Mayor, to consider & report. Wright Broad way

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to place sign boards at all corners of streets and lane throughout the City, wherever the same are found necessary. Streets.

Petition of the Directors of the House of ~~Correction~~ Correction, praying that Amelia by the name of Lobe Sennet may be removed from said House to the House of Industry. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report. Sennet

Bunnen
Summer St.

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Amos Binney, respectfully ask leave to report that they have examined the streets & side walks of the Petitioner with care & attention; Wm. Fuller who surveyed & fixed the level of the said side walks being present, & also a Wm. Shipley who set the edge stone in front of Samuel A. Wells' house, & from the information that your committee have obtained from both, they are satisfied that there has been a deviation from the height originally fixed by the said Fuller; yet this deviation has been so inconsiderable, that it probably originated in mistake. It appears that the edge stone in front of Wm. Wells' steps are elevated about four inches higher than the point given by the Surveyor, Wm. Fuller, as he asserts - And that the edge stone at the corner of Hancock street is also elevated about four inches higher than the point given by him the said Fuller. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the said side walks ought to be relaid at the expense of the City, drawing a line from the two described points as marked by the Surveyor. In performing this, it will be necessary to reduce the level of the street a few inches to correspond with the side walks. This however will not be attended with much, if any expense to the City. But in the proposed alteration Wm. Wells may be so far incommoded as to render it necessary to alter his door steps, at the expense of the City, the cost of which your committee estimate at seventy five dollars, & for this sum we are of the opinion that Wm. Wells estate will be left in as good if not better condition than it now is, & that no injustice whatever will be done to him.

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The estimated cost of relaying the side walk, is seventy five dollars. All which is respectfully submitted. By order, & in behalf of the committee. Geo. Palake.

Read and accepted.

Schools

Resolved, That it is expedient, that some permanent Regulation should be adopted by the City authorities, to embrace, as soon as practicable within the bounds of the public School system of the City, the instruction of those children being proper subjects therefor, whom the present provisions of our School regulations do not fully include.

Resolved, That the School committee be, and they are hereby requested to take the subject matter of this report and the resolutions annexed into an early consideration, and to report to the City Council their opinion of the best mode of effecting the object desired, consistently with the honour & interests of the City, the prosperity & harmony of the present school establishments — the welfare of the community, & as indispensable the gradual improvement of the class of children hereto alluded.

The foregoing resolutions were passed in the Common Council, and thereupon Ordered, That the City Clerk forthwith furnish the School committee with a copy of said report and the resolutions and orders thereunto annexed. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

High School for females

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of establishing a High School for females pursuant to a report accepted by the School committee on the twenty second day of June last, and communicated to the City Council, which

School

School shall be located in such place as the School Committee shall designate. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Dorr

State Street

On the petition of Joseph F. Dorr & others, to have State Street abbaited Merchants row straightened Ordered, that it inexpedient to take any further order on the subject.

Hinckley

Liberty St.

On the petition of David Hinckley to have Liberty Street widened. Ordered, that it is inexpedient to take any further order upon the same.

Burial grounds

Communication from Samuel W. Hewes, Superintendent of burial grounds, stating that a body was taken from a grave in the burial ground on the neck. Which being read, it was thereupon,

Ordered, that a reward of two hundred dollars be offered to any person or persons who shall detect the offender or offenders, & prosecute the same to conviction, and also the like sum for the detection and conviction of any person or persons who may be guilty of a similar offence.

Homer

Water & Lynn Streets

The Mayor reports on the petition of Eleazer Homer, that he said Homer claims the land near Charter and Lynn Streets as his private property on which the lumber complained of lies, and this right he means to maintain. Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next 7 o'Clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The whole board except Aldermen Blake and Oliver.

Petition of Elisha Wheeler, & others, to have Northampton street raised & repaired so as to keep out the tide water. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report. Wheeler Northampton St.

Petition of Sawin & Dyer praying that a committee be appointed to hear & determine upon the expediency of their being employed to repair & keep in repair all the clocks of the City. Read & committed to Alderman Bellows. Marshall & Welsh, to consider & report. Sawin & Dyer Clocks

Ordered, that Aldermen Blake & Welsh, examine & report their opinion of the letter of the City to the dock flats near Front street, formerly Rainsford Lane adjacent to the land of Jonathan Amory, & others. Front Street

Petition of David Woodman for pay for land taken from him to widen Hanover street. Read & committed to the Mayor to consider & report. Woodman Hanover St.

Petition of Andrew Campbell for compensation for his services in teaching the children in the house of Industry. Read & referred to the Directors of said House. Campbell

Petition of the Directors of the House of Industry & Industry, relative to burying the dead from that institution, burying dead praying that tombs in the burying place at South Boston

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may be assigned for that purpose. Read & the prayer thereof granted, & that the Superintendent of the burial grounds is directed to assign one or more tombs in said burying ground belonging to the City for that purpose.

Smith
Spendthrift

Complaint against George Smith, of Boston formerly a master mariner, representing that he is a person who by excessive drinking & idleness, so spends and wastes his estate as thereby to expose himself to want and suffering circumstances, & to expose the City to a charge & expense for his maintenance & support. And it appearing to this board that the said Smith has been duly notified to appear at this time & shew cause why the facts should not be made known to the Judge of Probate, that a Guardian be appointed according to law. No person appearing to object, & divers credible witnesses being examined it appears that the allegations set forth in said complaint are true, & that the Mayor & Aldermen certify the same to the Judge of Probate according to law.

Brooker
Loan

Ordered, That the City Clerk be authorized to transfer to the United States three certificates of one hundred dollars each, of the six per cent stock of 1812, belonging to the fund of Joanna Brooker and pay the same to the City Treasurer and take his note for the same, at five per cent. interest.

Smith

Ebenezer Smith appeared before the board agreeably to notice to him, to appear at this time & shew cause why his side walls on Merrimac & Portland streets should not be reduced & set lower; he accordingly filed his memorial & protest against the same. Which was read and thereupon resolved, that the whole board will meet on the

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premises on Friday morning next at eight of the 337.
Clock. —

Petition of S. A. Shuttleff, praying Shuttleff.
that the City would make up his loss, as stated by him Pemberton's Hill.
in the sale of his house and land on Pemberton's hill, pro-
ably to his previous contract & arrangement with the Mayor.
Read in the Common Council & committed to Messrs Stevens,
Adam, Tracy, Dyer & Vose, with such as the board of
Aldermen might join, to consider & report. Came up for
Concurrence. Read & concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen
Fellows & Marshall are joined. —

Resolved, That the whole board will Pemberton's
meet on Pemberton's hill, tomorrow morning at 8 o'Clock, for hill.
the purpose of viewing the same & determining the Elevation of
it, & the width of Common street in that place.

Petition of Aaron Baldwin, praying, Baldwin.
that a road or street may be made from Washington street,
to the Mills standing on the land recently purchased by him
of the City, as Northampton street leading to the same has
become impassible for carriages, by reason of a pond before the
gate, & the soft state of the marsh, parallel with the dyke
of the Boston & Roxbury Mills Corporation. — Read & committed
to the committee on Neck Lands to consider & report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to 8 o'Clock tomorrow morning.

Tuesday October 18. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Learney, Bellows. Dyer, Marshall & Welch.

Pemberton's hill

The board proceeded to view Pemberton's hill — Thereupon resolved, that all persons whose estates bound on that part of Common street between Court street, & the corner of Howard street, & all other persons interested be notified to appear before this board on Friday next 6 o'Clock P. M. Shew cause, if any they have, why Pemberton's hill should not be levelled, & Common street widened, by taking a part of their land for that purpose, by Publishing a notice in one or more newspapers printed in Boston.

Adjourned to meet in Merrimac street at the junction of Portland and said street on Friday next 8 o'Clock A. M.

Friday October 21st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board except Alderman Oliver.

Smith Merrimac St.

This morning at 8 o'Clock, the board met on the premises and viewed Merrimac Street with reference to Ebenezer Smith's side walks, and thereupon Ordered, that S. P. Fuller the Surveyor make a plan of the same and the elevation of the streets in that neighbourhood.

Adjourned to this evening 6 o'Clock.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Timothy Fuller, to purchase a lot of land, purchased by the City last year for a School house lot, in the rear & adjoining land of Ebenezer Parker. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Marshall & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Rice, Willis, Frothingham & Richardson. Fuller

Application of Peter Lawrence to have a license to exhibit, at a Dome in Ann Street, two Lafayette Panharmonicons, which play a great variety of music which contain the sounds of a great variety of instruments, & are equal to a full band. Read & granted, upon paying therefor two dollars a week until the further order of this board. Lawrence Panharmonicon

The joint committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lamb, praying that a narrow passage way leading from State Street opposite Merchants Row to Doane street, should be closed up, & built upon, & that the right be sold to him, reported, that having advertized in the papers of the City, for all persons to appear & show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; after having heard the parties, they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to close said Alley or passage way. Read and accepted. Sent down for Concurrence. Lamb

Common Street / Pemberton hill

Notice having been given to all persons whose estates bound on that part of Common Street, between Court Street & the corner of Howard Street to appear before this board, agreeable to the order of the last meeting. Several of the owners & abuttors appeared & objected, & after a full hearing of the parties, it was thereupon Resolved, That the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Common Street, between Mrs Waldo's house & Howard Street, should be widened, conformable to the plan of S. P. Fuller, taken 16th September 1824, heretofore adopted as a prospective plan of improvements of said street, as widened from the northeast corner of Baskins' buildings in a straight line to a point three feet, three inches westerly from the northeasterly corner of Mrs Waldo's house, now owned by Gardiner Greene, Esq. And the same is hereby laid out & widened accordingly.

Resolved, That the whole board will meet on Pemberton's hill, tomorrow morning, nine o'clock for the purpose of determining the elevation of that part of Common Street.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Saturday October 22d 1825.

Pemberton's hill

The board attended on Pemberton's hill agreeable to the vote of yesterday, & with the assistance of S. P. Fuller, surveyed Pemberton's hill, for the purpose of determining the elevation of the same.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board.

Petition of Isaac Davenport, & Zadock French, praying that a passage way leading from Hamilton Street to a Court below said Street on a level with Broad Street may be converted into a Court. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs Parker, Wales, & Bois. Davenport & French.

Gentlemen of the City Council,

Mayor's message. Pemberton hill Engine House.

The land purchased on Pembertons hill for an Engine house is now so far cleared of the former buildings as to be in a state suitable for the contemplated house to be erected. It will be probably an economical arrangement to build the north wall in connexion with Dr Shuttleffs, & it is desireable that the south wall should be carried up with as little delay as possible on account of the depth of the cellar walls, & the possible injurious effect their proximity to the House of Wm Lloud may produce on the walls of his house. By an estimate made by Cephas Carter a master mason in the employ of Dr Shuttleffs, should it be expedient (as from its location it probably will be) to build a cellar under the building. Should it be of brick, & of one story, with slated roof, the cost will be fifteen hundred & five dollars, should it be deemed expedient to build it two stories high it will

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cost an additional five hundred and sixty dollars. If of three stories an additional five hundred & sixty dollars. Making the cost should a three story building be deemed expedient, two thousand six hundred & twenty five dollars. As a diversity of opinion may exist on the expediency of building more than one story high, I have thought it best to make the foregoing statement, & submit the whole subject to the wisdom of the City Council.

Josiah Quincy.

In the Common Council read & committed to Messrs Williams, Hallett & Dexter with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report, with instructions to enquire into the expediency of selling the right of extending the adjoining building over the Engine house, in case it is built one story high. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor and Alderman Welsh are joined.

Vernon

The committee on the petition of

Doane St

William Vernon, praying, indemnity, for land taken to widen Doane Street, reported, that two dollars, fifty cents per square foot be allowed him. Read & accepted.

Peirce.

Petition of Joseph H. Peirce, Esq. Clerk of the Municipal Court, praying, that he may be appointed to have the sole care of the City Court house in Cornhill street, instead of John Dunn, who is now employed in that capacity. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows, Dyer & Marshall, to consider & report.

Wood & bark

An ordinance in addition to the ordinance for the better regulation of wood and bark

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brought for sale from the Country. Read and passed. Sent down for Concurrence. Came up Concurred with an amendment. Read & Concurred.

The Committee on the petition of Elizabeth Rogers & others, reported, that the side walk should be made to conform to the level of Bowdoin Street, heretofore established, and that it be laid under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets &c. Read & accepted. — Rogers Bowdoin Street.

The Mayor reports, on the petition of Francis S Durivage & others, praying, that the trees in Franklin Street be retained, - that the prayer of said petition has been Effected, & a pump put in the well by the Superintendent of Streets. Read & accepted. — Durivage Franklin St.

Resolved, that the elevation of Common Street shall be one foot & 81/100 in one hundred feet, from Hawes and Street to the north corner of Dr Shurtleff's lot; thence in a regular rise to the top of the hill near the stable of Gardiner Greene, Esq. reducing the hill there not more than one foot. — Common Street.

Ordered, that notice be sent to Messrs Greene, Lloyd & Shurtleff, & that the Mayor be requested to have an interview with those Gentlemen, & ascertain their views as to the time of commencing operations, & report. — Greene, Lloyd & Shurtleff

The Committee on the Petition of George W Lyman, praying that the elevation of his side walks at the corner of Summer & Belknap Streets may be determined, reported that the subject be laid over until the streets be finished on a permanent plan. Read & accepted. — Lyman Summer & Belknap Streets

Rock Lands Plan of.

The Committee on the subject of adopting a plan for the laying out the rock lands respectfully report, That after consultation with the committee of rock lands, & considering various suggestions relative to the best mode of laying out those lands they have adopted the plan herewith presented by which the lands are laid out in parallelograms of two hundred feet in width, on streets of fifty feet wide each, intersected at convenient distances by streets also fifty feet wide each, the several parallelograms are also divided by a common passage way, twenty feet in width, thereby leaving each lot, ninety feet deep, with a twenty feet common passage way in the rear, & bounding in front on a street fifty feet wide. In order to accommodate the views of different purchasers, your committee recommend that the terms of the sales should, in all cases be such, that the proprietor or proprietors of any entire square, may be permitted, if he or they agree, to close the twenty feet passage way, on request, with the consent of the city council, for the time being, paying to the City, for the privilege, such compensation as may be deemed just & reasonable by the city council, at the time such request is made. All which is respectfully submitted, per order of the Com.ee J. Bellows, Chairman.

Read & accepted, & the plan approved & adopted, to be used in all future sales of Rock lands.

Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

Pratt & Hill

The committee of the city council on the application of William Pratt & David Hill, respectfully report, that the said Pratt & Hill apply to the City Council,

for

Pratt & Hill
Milk Street

for the terms on which all the right of the City shall be quit claimed to them, in a certain piece of land, bounding on Milk street & lying between the lands of said Pratt & Hill. Your Committee on examining the premises find, that the land in question was part of an old passage way to the Rotchwalks & that both said Pratt & Hills' lands are bounded on this passage way. That the rights of the City can be of no imaginable use, in its present state, to the Inhabitants, that the exclusive occupation of it, in fact belongs to said Pratt & Hill, the City having no interest to use it as a passage way. & cannot consistantly with said Pratt & Hill's rights, use it for any thing else. Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that it is for the interest of the City to sell all its right & title to the said passage way. Your Committee are of opinion that this sale ought to be made, independent of any consideration of the Common Sewer or drain, as proposed in their application. And after considering all the relations of the land, your Committee are also of opinion that the sum not less than seven hundred dollars would be a reasonable equivalent to be paid to the City for a quit claim of all its rights to said land or passage way and they accordingly respectfully submit a resolve to that effect, for the consideration of the City Council. By order of the Committee.

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Resolved, that on the payment of a sum not less than seven hundred dollars, to be fixed by the Mayor & Aldermen, by William Pratt and David Hill, or by either of them, that the Mayor be authorized to execute to the said Pratt & Hill, or either of them a quit claim of all the City's right in & to a certain piece of land, formerly

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a passage way to the reservation, bounding northerly on Milk Street Easterly Southerly on land of William Pratt - westerly on land of David Hill. Nothing in such quit claim to affect the rights of the City to the drain or water course now existing through the said passage way, until the same shall have been connected from the center of Atkinson Street, with the common sewer in Milk Street, by William Pratt conformably with the authority heretofore granted to him, in that respect. Read & accepted, & the resolve passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up: Concurred.

Milk Street. The Mayor reports on the subject of widening Milk Street, at the corner of Federal Street, that owing to the state of the buildings in that place, no widening can be effected, but at an expense, which cannot be recommended. Read and accepted.

Spring Street. Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants require, that Spring Street should be laid out & extended through Poplar Court, through land of Benjamin Crombie & Benjamin Gray, to North Allen Street, & the same is laid out & extended accordingly, in manner following viz. bounded easterly on the front of the brick houses belonging to the estate of Samuel Brown, Esq. deceased, by a line drawn from the south westerly corner of said houses to a point on North Allen Street, four feet easterly of the south easterly corner of said Crombie's land; then running westerly on North Allen Street thirty feet; then running northerly on land of said Crombie, & other persons unknown on a line parallel with the easterly line of said Street and thirty feet therefrom to

Poplar

Poplar Street. Being thirty feet in width from Poplar street to North Allen street.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'Clock P. M.

Special meeting.

Saturday Oct. 29th 1825.

Present. The Mayor. Aldermen Carney, Dyer, Marshall & Oliver.

Petition of Amor Binney, praying that the alterations of his side walks on Summer and Hancock streets may be made forthwith, agreeable to a vote of this board. Read and the prayer thereof granted, the same to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets &c. Binney, Summer & Hancock Streets

Ordered, that the Mayor execute bonds as surety for William Stone, Superintendent of the House of Industry, who has been appointed Guardian to Silas Ramsdell, John Rosca and John Lawless, Spend-thrifts, on a representation heretofore made to the Judge of Probate, by the board of Selectmen of Boston. Stone

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'Clock P. M.

Monday October 31st 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present— The whole board except Alderman Blake.

Nathan Peirce &c. Communication from Lewis & Tappan, relative to widening Purchase Street, in front of the New Church & in front of Aaron Bancroft's estate, & requesting that said Bancroft be paid for his land. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall, to consider & report.

Bishop Salem & Hull Streets. The committee on the petition of John Bishop Junior and Daniel Colby, reported, That Salem street be widened by taking so much of Mr. Bishop's land into said street, as lies easterly of a straight line drawn from a point one foot eight inches westerly of the northeasterly corner of Mr. Bishop's land to a point eight inches westerly of the northeasterly corner of John Elliot's house, thereby taking ninety eight feet of Mr. Bishops land; That it is inexpedient to make any alterations in the elevation of Salem Street in front of Mr. Bishop's land. That the elevation of Hull Street ought to be as follows viz: to ascend on an inclined plane from Salem Street to the present surface of the earth in the centre of the street opposite the southerly end of the partition wall of the burying ground. J. Dyer Chn.

Read & accepted.

Bishop's Petition of John Bishop Junior, for compensation for land taken to widen Salem & Hull Streets. Read and committed to Aldermen Dyer and Oliver to consider and report.

The committee appointed to set back a fence erected on Greenough's alley, as petitioned for by Isaac Harris & others, reported, that they had performed the duty assigned them, & set back the fence to where it originally stood. Harris Greenough lane

Read & accepted.

Ordered, that the Mayor & Alderman Welsh be a committee to carry into effect, a report of the City Council, on the application of Messrs Pratt & Hill to enclose a piece of land on Milk street. Pratt Milk st.

Resolve of the Common Council requesting the Mayor to cause a Census of all the Inhabitants of the City to be taken agreeable to a plan presented with the report of the Committee, as soon as may be, and report the same to the City Council, and that the expense thereof be charged to contingent expenses. Census

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Communication from John C. Dunn keeper of the City Court house. Read and committed to the committee who have under consideration the petition of Joseph W. Peirce, Esq. praying to have the sole control of that building, to consider & report. Dunn

Communication from the Directors of the House of Industry, stating, that the present House at South Boston, contains about as many persons as can be conveniently accommodated, & admits not space sufficient for classification of the poor, & praying that the upper rooms in the new house adjacent may be occupied the ensuing winter. Read & the prayer thereof granted, & the same is accordingly. House of Industry

Sawin & Dyer Clocks

The committee on the subject of the petition of Sawin & Dyer, relative to the City Clocks Reported, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, have conversed with Messrs. Sawin & Dyer on the subject of their petition, & have ascertained that they are willing to undertake the superintendance of all the City Clocks (six in number) for the consideration of one hundred & fifty dollars per year. That they will immediately put the Clocks in complete order, add any new parts or movements, that may be necessary to produce a uniformity in time, & will engage to keep them so, for the above compensation. And if they faithfully perform this duty, & the superintendance of the clocks should be taken from them at the termination of one year, & given to others, they will expect a reasonable allowance for all such new parts that they may now add; but if continued for a longer period than one year, no such consideration is to be paid to them.

Under these circumstances, your committee recommend, that the entire superintendance of the said six clocks be given to Messrs. Sawin & Dyer, on the terms proposed.

Per order of the Committee.

J. Bellows, Chairman

Read & accepted.

Muskets.

Ordered, that Aldermen Bryant & Oliver be a committee to examine & report upon the subject of muskets in Faneuil Hall, belonging to the City.

Lamps

Ordered, that the subject of lighting the streets lamps, be referred to the Mayor, to consider & report.

S. P. Fuller, Surveyor, presented a section of Pemberton's hill, dated 29th October 1825, in conformity to the intention of the board on the passing the former vote viz: beginning at the edge stone of Common street at the south easterly corner of Austins buildings, from thence rising one foot & 81/100 to a hundred feet, until it comes to the northerly side of Dr. A. Bradlee's land, from thence proceeding in a regular rise to the top of the hill, near the stable of Gardiner Greene Esq. reducing the hill there one foot. Pemberton's hill

The Mayor reported, that he communicated to the Hon. James Lloyd, & Doct. Bradlee on the 29th instant the above section of Pemberton's hill as the same accords conformably to the vote & intention of this board.

Letter from the Hon. James Lloyd, relative to the widening Common street, & reducing the elevation of Pemberton's hill. Read & thereupon ordered, that this board will proceed no further in the premises until the first of April next. Lloyd

Petition & complaint of George Fracker, stating, that William Fracker does by excessive drinking & idleness so waste his estate, as thereby to subject himself & his family to want & suffering circumstances, & the city to a charge for his & their maintenance. Read & thereupon ordered, that the said William be summoned to appear before this board on Monday next, Six o'clock P. M. & shew cause, if any he has, why the Mayor and Aldermen should not make complaint to the Judge of Probate, that a guardian to said William may be appointed according to law. Fracker

Salutation Alley. Petition of John Lambert, & others, praying that the name of Salutation Alley be altered to Rhoades Greenwood Street. Read & thereupon ordered, that public notice be given to all persons to appear before this board on Monday next at Six o'clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why said Alley should not be so changed.

Winslow. Charles Winslow was nominated and appointed an Auctioneer.

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'Clock P. M.

Monday November 7th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The whole board except Alderman Marshall.

Smith & Portland St. &c. Petition of Ebenezer Smith, praying that fixed & permanent levels may be made for the elevation of his edge stone walks on Portland & Market & Merrimac streets, near the building recently erected by him. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall to consider and report.

New Brunswick Fires. Josiah Bradlee, George Bond & James Read Esquires, a committee chosen at a meeting of the Citizens of Boston, for the relief of the sufferers by the late calamitous fire in the British Province of New Brunswick, appeared before the board; & agreeable to the vote passed at that meeting, requested that a contribution be had in the various religious societies, on the next Sunday under

the recommendation of the City authorities. Thereupon resolved, that this board do accordingly recommend to the several religious societies in this City, to have a contribution for the above object.

Resolves of the Common Council, declaring, that it is expedient to discontinue the alley leading from State Street, in front of Merchants' row, to Doane street, between the estates of Thomas Lamb, & John P. Boott, whenever said Lamb shall pay into the City Treasury, such sum of money as shall hereafter be agreed upon; provided he shall obtain the consent of said Boott to such discontinuance, & also give sufficient security to indemnify the City against all claims for damage thereof. Read & referred to Aldermen Bellows, Dyer, & Oliver, to consider & report. Lamb, State Street Alley.

The Mayor nominated William Fisk Fisk a measurer of Wood, at the southerly end of Washington Northampton Street, and the board confirmed the same.

Communication from Thomas Jackson Esq. New Orleans Health Commissioner stating, the number of vessels quarantined quarantine the present season, & relative to the quarantine of vessels coming from New Orleans. Read & thereupon ordered, that from & after this day, that the quarantine of vessels coming from New Orleans, shall cease.

The committee on the petition of Jones & Charles Jones, respecting the lines & location of certain Charter & Lynn Streets. lots of land about to be built upon by him, at the corner of Charter & Lynn streets, may be given by the

Surveyors

Surveyors of Highways. Resolved, That in conformity with
J. S. Fuller, the Surveyor; they have attended to the
lines & elevation of Chandler & Lynn streets, That as the
general width of Chandler street is thirty feet, exceeding
as it approaches the land of the Petitioner where it
measures about one foot; that said Jones set back
his buildings & fences on a line thirty feet from the
line of the northerly wall of the burial ground on
Chandler street; That at the corner of said streets he
recede fifteen feet on each street, on a circle of eight feet
radius, and on Lynn street That the width of the
street (as laid down by the Selectmen October 20. 1793)
forty feet, be preserved; That the elevation of the
buildings on Lynn street, at the corner of Chandler
street be three feet, eight inches above th Capoit of
Samuel Brown's wharf, Price ten inches in one hundred
feet until it comes to the surface of the street op-
posite Bartletts wharf in said Lynn Street. All which
is submitted by John D. Dyer, per order.

Read & accepted.

on condition that said Jones gives his assent to the
agreement in writing.

Salutation street

(3) Resolved, That Salutation lane or
Alley, be hereafter known and called Salutation street.

Battery street

Petition of Thomas Barnes, & others,
praying, that Battery alley may hereafter be known
and called Battery street. Read and the prayer
thereof granted.

Ordered, That the Committee on the subject of the City flats & dykes west of Washington Street be instructed to cause the plan made by S. P. Fuller to be completed, & that when the several abuttors shall have assigned to the City land sufficient to build the Street as reported by the Committee agreeably to said plan, that they report to the Board. Flats & Dykes

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Davenport, & others, report. From the information which has been communicated to your Committee, it appear that the land now lying open & which is alluded to by the petitioners as being a Court or passage way leading from Hamilton Street on a level with Broad Street, was heretofore the property of the Broad Street association, so called. That this Corporation having had it in contemplation to cause a Street to be laid out & established from Hamilton Street to Broad Street, in such manner as to pass through the Court or passage way in question, which is understood to be thirty feet in width, & [illegible] feet in length, proposed to the town of Boston some years since, that the said land might be taken, & used for that purpose, provided the town would accept the same, & establish the Street, accordingly. It seems however, that, in consideration of the very great expense which would have been required, to level the ground, & to complete a Street in the manner proposed, and the inconsiderable advantage which might, after all, be expected to result to the town, in general, from such an operation, the Selectmen declined acceding to this proposal. The land has ever since, been laying waste & unoccupied. Davenport

Your

356. Your committee have understood that the Board, Street
Davenport. Corporation is now no longer in existance as a body
politic, & not having alienated this land, prior to its
dissolution the fee thereof belongs of course to the several
individuals of whom the said Corporation was composed:
It follows from these premises that the government of
the City of Boston, have at this time, no other control
over the property in question than such as they may
lawfully exercise in regard to any other real estates belong
ing to individuals within the limits of the City. It is
nevertheless, the opinion of your Committee that the Court
or passage way, as it is denominated by the Petitioners
ought not to be suffered to remain in its present condition
Owing to the great elevation of Hamilton street above the
level of Front Street, the Committee have perceived, that
the Court or passage way alluded to, in its course from
the former to the latter street, is interrupted by a deep
gulph or declivity which is not less unsightly than it is
dangerous, in so thickly settled & populous a section of
the City. This object appears, indeed, to the Committee
in the light of a public nuisance which ought forth
with, by some means, to be corrected or abated.
It is therefore respectfully recommended that the City
Surveyor, together with Mr. Patterson be directed to ex-
amine the premises, with as little delay as possible,
& to report to the Mayor & Aldermen their opinion, as
to the cheapest & most effectual means whereby the
evil in question may be remedied. All which is respect
fully submitted. Geo. Blake, Per order Read &
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of Harden & Brown, praying, Harden
that Castle street between Washington street and their lot on Castle st.
which they are about to build may be filled up by them
at their own expense. Read & the prayer thereof granted,
under the direction of the Committee of the
District Aldermen Carney & Bellows.

The committee to whom was referred Health Com.
read certain communications from Thomas Parkman Health Resident Phy.
Commissioner, and Theodore Dexter the resident Physician & Island Keeper
at Hospital Island, reported a statement of facts relative
to their conduct as also that of the Island Keeper,
Read and accepted, & thereupon ordered, that the
City Clerk, cause this report to be laid before the
next City Council, on the day of their organization.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Mayor reports, that he has Pemberton's
given notice to the several abutters on Pembertons Hill agree Hill.
able to the order of this board passed the twenty fourth ultimo,
and that in general all the abutters with the exception
of Mr. Lloyd, prefer that the widening & reduction of eleva
tion be postponed until after the first of April next.

Read & accepted. "Appropriation
Ordered, that the sum of two thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for grading & repair of repair of Streets, & that the same sum be withdrawn from Streets.
the appropriation for raising a new story on the Eliot
School House, for the accommodation of Ward No. 1.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Wracker

It appearing to this board, that notice has been given to William Wracker to appear at this time, & shew cause if any he has why complaint should not be made to the Judge of Probate, that he does by excessive drinking & idleness so waste his estate as thereby to expose himself to want & suffering circumstances, & to expose the City to a charge and expense for his maintenance & support. The said William accordingly appeared, & divers credible witnesses being examined, the board are of opinion that the allegations are true, and that complaint be made to the Judge of Probate, in order that a guardian be appointed to the said William according to law.

Green

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Green, Jun. to purchase or hire on lease the vacated Engine house adjoining the westerly end of South Boston bridge, reported, that they do not deem it advisable at the present time, to recommend to the City Council to sell or lease the premises referred to in said Petition. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Shurtleff

The Committee of both branches of the City Council to whom was referred the petition of Dr. Samuel A. Shurtleff, having attended to that subject, heard Dr. Shurtleff's statements & claims, unanimously report, that he have leave to withdraw his petition. Inasmuch however as it has been ascertained that suggestions have been made abroad to the disadvantage of the City government, in their transactions with Dr. Shurtleff, your committee have deemed it proper that a statement should be laid before

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the City Council of the proceedings in that case, by the Mayor, under whose instrumentality they were conducted. Such statement is contained in the documents herewith transmitted. All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted, unanimously. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up unanimously concurred.

Engine house Pemberton's hill

The committee on the subject of the New Engine house on Pemberton's hill, Report; That is is important that the house should be erected as soon as possible, for the accommodation of the New Engine & Hydraulion, ordered from Philadelphia, and also on account of protecting the adjoining estate of Wm Lloyd, from incidental injury. That they have consulted Mr. Willard, & adopted a very appropriate plan, which is submitted. considering the location of this engine house, they have deemed that some attention should be paid to architectural ~~attention~~ effect. The plan is adopted from the Choragic monument at Athens, which is celebrated for its architectural beauty; & which the arhitect Wm Willard is very desirous should exist in our City. The whole cost including a cellar for cleansing the hose, & a large room above for drying & mending it, & for the meeting of the Companies, & stable for both the Engine & Hydraulion will not exceed twenty two hundred dollars the front to be of granite. The committee also report, that they have ascertained the above building may be erected without resort to any new appropriations by a transfer to this object from the following existing appropri-

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ations, which will not be wanted during the present City year. viz: from that for the Common mall & Fort hill, $ 1000. from that for filling up the land west of Charles street 1200 $2200.

In conformity with which Stats of facts, your committee respectfully report, the following order for the consideration of the City Council. All which is respectfully submitted. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Ordered, That an engine house on Pemberton's hill, be forthwith erected by the Mayor & Aldermen in conformity with the plan this day submitted to the City Council, & that the sum of two thousand & two hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated to carry the same into effect, & that for this purpose, the sum of one thousand dollars be withdrawn from the appropriation for the Mall, Common & Fort hills & the sum of twelve hundred dollars be withdrawn from the appropriation for levelling & filling up the land west of Charles street.

Read & committed in the Common Council to the same Committee on the part of said board with such as the board of Aldermen might join, with authority forthwith, to commence the works should they agree upon a plan. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. & the Mayor & Aldermen Welsh are joined.

Neck lands
Plan of
Sale of

The committee of Neck lands, report, that they deemed it indispensible prior to farther sales of the Neck lands, that a plan of those lands should be finally settled, & established by the City Council; & knowing that a committee of that body had that subject under consideration, they postponed executing the authority granted

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them by a vote of the City Council passed on the twelfth day of September last, until the result of the deliberations of that Committee should be known. Such plan having been adopted by the City Council, renders the sales contemplated expedient. & that the time limited in said order having expired, they respectfully suggest the propriety of renewing the same, if the City Council continue of opinion that those sales should be made. Which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy. Ch.n

Neck lands, sale of.

Resolved, That the Committee on Neck lands be & hereby are authorized to lay out the lots on the squares adjoining Washington Street, on both sides as near as practicable to the plan adopted the twenty fourth day of October last, consistent with the sales already made on those squares.

Resolved, That the Committee on Neck lands be & they are hereby directed to offer for sale at public auction some day within one month a certain number of lots, not exceeding ten, to be laid out at their discretion on the east & west sides of Washington Street, on such conditions as the said Committee shall deem good; except, that no building shall be erected on said lots, within twenty feet of the said Street, unless the same be of Brick or Stone. And also provided that no lot be more than fifty feet wide on Washington Street.

Resolved, That the Committee on Neck lands be authorized to cause all the squares & streets on the Neck lands to be staked out, at their discretion, conformable to the plan adopted by the City Council on the twenty fourth day of October last; and that they cause the elevation of the streets to be made, & reported to the City Council.

Read

(Read and accepted, & the resolves passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred).

Spear's Deer Island.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Luther Spear, reported, that they have attended to said petition, but for want of correct information they are unable to ascertain the real value of Deer Island but consider the offer of Mr. Spear as considerable under the real worth, they recommend that the City Clerk be authorized to advertize the said Island to let. Read & accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

County lands

The committee on the subject of the sale of the County lands on Court Street, made a report. Read & accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

N.B. This report was ordered, in the Common Council to be laid upon the table, & was afterwards referred to the next City Council.

Bowdoin Street

Resolved, that the board do meet tomorrow morning half past nine o'clock, at the corner of Bowdoin & Beacon Streets, for the purpose of considering the expediency of widening Beacon street, & that S. P. Fuller, the Surveyor, and James Bowdoin Esq. be notified to attend.

(") Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'Clock. p. m.

Special meeting.

Friday November 11th. 1825.

Present The Mayor — Aldermen Carney, Bellows, Dyer, Welsh and Oliver.

Petition of Amos Binney, Esq. praying that the side walk on Summer Street be graduated from Belknap Street to Hancock Street, on an inclined plane. Read & thereupon ordered, that on said Binney's adducing to this board the written assent of all persons bounding on Summer Street, between Walnut & Hancock Streets to the above alteration, that the same will be considered. And that this board will finally act on the above subject on Monday next, six o'clock P. M. & that further proceedings be suspended until after that time, and that the City Clerk notify said Binney forthwith. Binney Summer St.

Resolved, That the thanks of this board, in behalf of the City, be presented to those fire wardens, Engine men, & inhabitants of the neighbouring towns, who with their usual alacrity repaired to the late fire in Court and Washington Streets, & used in conjunction with our own fire wardens, Engine men & citizens, those exertions which under God, were so happily successful in putting a stop to the further progress of the devouring element. Fire Court & Washington Streets.

Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to invite two Surveyors, for the purpose of taking a plan of the several estates in the Square which was burnt yesterday between Court, Washington and Common Streets. Plan of land taken

Cooks Bond St.

Petition of William Cook, that the Selectmen of the Streets near where he owns a piece of land on Bond Street near the old north mills may be determined. Read Committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver to consider and report.

Hubard Gallery of Cuttings

Application of Master Hubard, for a license to exhibit his Gallery of cuttings together with the Panharmonicon. Granted, upon paying therefor ten dollars per month.

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Adjourned to Monday next six o'clock P. M.

Monday November 14th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The whole board, except Aldermen Blake and Marshall.

Jackson Woodmeasurer

Petition of Ward Jackson, Esther, praying that a measurer of Wood may be appointed & stationed at West Boston bridge. Read & committed in the Common Council to Messrs. W. Simonds, Dyer & Wiley, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Bryant & Welsh are joined.

Dyke over Flats

Ordered, that the Surveyors of Highways be directed to build the proposed dyke, beginning at a point near Baldwin's mills, from the same in a direct line to Sayville Street conformably to the plans approved

proved by the City Council October 24th 1825. Provided the Individuals who are the owners of the flats north of the City's land shall extend a Dyke from the termination proposed up to the upland near Fayette Street so as to exclude the water effectually: Provided also, that the individuals shall give sufficient bonds that the Dyke to be made by them shall be done simultaneously with that of the City. Came up for concurrence. Read & Concurred. & thereupon ordered that Alderman Carney, Bellows & Welsh be a committee to carry the same into effect.

Ordered, that the Petition of William Wright Wright, relative to the level of Broad way in South Boston, be referred to Aldermen Carney & Bellows to consider & report.

Broad way

Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of the City, require that Beacon street be widened according to a northerly plan taken by A. D. Fuller Surveyor, dated November 14th 1825. & that the same be adopted for the future widening of said street, & it is ordered that said street be widened at present, by taking land belonging to James Temple Bowdoin Esq. & William Phillips, Esq. southerly of a line drawn from the easterly corner of the fence at the easterly corner of the State House yard in a straight line to a point on the easterly side of said Phillips' land forty feet northerly from the southerly side of Beacon street measuring at right angles across the street; said Bowdoin's land contains eight hundred & eighty seven square feet & said Phillips' land contains five hundred ninety nine & an half square feet; and it is ordered that they be

Beacon street.

paid

paid one dollar per square foot for said land, when the fence shall be set back, & the side walks laid, to the acceptance of this board.

Borne Street

Resolved, That the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require, that Borne Street should be widened, & the same is laid out and widened accordingly, viz: by taking a strip of land belonging to the heirs of John Homer, deceased, lying southerly of the front line of Houses belonging to the heirs of Samuel Parkman, deceased, extended to Bowdoin street, containing one hundred fifty nine, & a third square feet.

Binney Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sumner & Hancock Streets proceed to carry into effect the report of the Committee relative to Amos Binney's side walks in Sumner & Hancock streets, & if he has any doubt as to the proper points, that he be directed to apply to the board for information.

Old State House

Ordered, That Aldermen Blake and Marshall be a Committee to cause the roof of the Old State House, to be repaired, viz: that part which was burnt & cut away, in the time of the late fire, and that two scuttles with ladders & ropes, properly secured be constructed.

Salem Street

Ordered, That the assessment for the cost of making the Common Sewer in Salem street, passed March 21st 1825, be rescinded, and that the assessment now exhibited by the auditor of accounts be adopted, and that the amount thereof be collected of the several persons therein named.

Ordered, That John Thayer, be allowed the sum of twenty four dollars, for land conveyed by him to widen Hanover street near Charter street. — J. Thayer. Charter street.

Petition of John Tappan, & others, praying, that a reservoir be constructed in State street, near the corner of Hilby street. Also two reports of the Committee of the northern district recommending that a reservoir be constructed in Hanover street near the Rev.d Mr. Ware's Church, & that the Mill Creek be cleared out in such a manner as to leave an excavation to contain the tide water. Read & sent down for the consideration of the Common Council. — J. Tappan Reservoirs.

Ordered, That no original papers be taken from the files of the City Clerk, except by the Mayor & Aldermen. — Original Papers.

The committee of the board of Aldermen to whom was referred, the resolve of the City Council passed the thirteenth day of June last, authorizing a survey of such points in the vicinity of this City, from which a sufficient supply of water, of a good & wholesome quality might be obtained, & who were authorized to carry the same into effect, respectfully, report, That they proceeded forthwith to execute the authority vested in them, & for this purpose have employed Daniel Treadwell Esq. a gentleman greatly distinguished for his scientific attainments & mechanical skill, & who was recommended by gentlemen in this vicinity of the highest eminence for science & practical acquaintance with subjects of this nature; as well adapted to superintend the surveys & to make the most confidential estimates in — Water

relation

Relation to them. Mr. Treadwell has now for three months past been principally occupied in those surveys & estimates. The result of his labours as abstracted by him & presented in the form of a report is annexed, & herewith submitted. By order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy. Chairman

Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Blake, Bellows, Marshall & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for Concurrence.

N.B. In Common Council ordered to be laid on the table & Mr. Treadwell's report to be printed, & afterwards referred to the next City Council.

Adjourned to Thursday next, six o'clock P. M.

Thursday November 17th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present. The whole board, except Alderman Marshall.

Fire Department

An ordinance for preventing & extinguishing of fires, & establishing a fire department, passed in concurrence with the Common Council with amendments. Sent down for concurrence. Came up nonconcurred. Committee of Conference appointed, vide proceedings Nov. 21. 1825. Page

Reservoirs

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Williams, Parker & Wallcut, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider & report what number of reservoirs it is necessary to build in this City, & how many they may judge it expedient to build

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in this City, & how many they may judge it expedient to build the present season. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred & Aldermen Bellows & Oliver are joined.

Reservoirs

Order of the Common Council committing the several subjects of Reservoirs in Hanover and Hale Streets, & clearing out the Mill Creek & forming one there, — to the committee on Reservoirs, to consider and report.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Sealers Wood measurer.

The committee on the subject of an additional measurer of Wood, prayed for by Ward Sealers, & others, reported, that it is expedient that a measurer of Wood be appointed, who shall be stationed in Cambridge Street, near West Boston bridge. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Homer Dorne Street

Petition of Mary Homer, for compensation in land taken to widen Dorne street. Read and committed to Aldermen Bryant and Welsh, to consider and report.

Greenough Governors alley

Petition of David Greenough and John P. Thorndike, praying, that the line of Governors alley may be run, as they are about building thereon. Read & committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, to consider & report.

Salem Street.

Assessments to defray the expenses of constructing a new common sewer in Salem street. Read & accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the amount be demanded & received from the several persons & corporations therein mentioned.

Baldwin Northampton St.

The committee on the petition of Aaron Baldwin, praying that some repairs be made in Northampton Street, reported, that the subject does not belong to the committee of Work Lands, & that it be referred to the Surveyors of Highways. Read & accepted; & thereupon ordered, that the same be referred to Aldermen Farnum, Bellows & Welch, & consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Engine house Pemberton's hill

The committee of the City Council to whom was referred the subject of building an Engine & Hydraulion house on Pemberton's hill respectfully report, — That in conformity with their authority they have commenced the work & made contracts so far as was necessary in order to carry up the north wall in conjunction with Mr Shurtleff, & that on the south side so as to protect the bank & walls of Mr Lloyds house now existing, having agreed upon a plan, & had estimates of the expense laid before them; they have ascertained that the sum will not exceed seventy three hundred dollars, they therefore respectfully recommend an appropriation of that amount for the above purpose. Read & accepted in the Common Council, & thereupon ordered, that the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars, be & the same is hereby appropriated for the erection of an Engine house on Pembertons hill and that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be withdrawn from the appropriation for the Mall, Common & Pitt hill, & the residue from the appropriation for levelling the land west of Charles street. —

Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Directors of the House of Industry to whom was referred the Petition of Andrew Campbell for additional Compensation for teaching a School in said House, made a report of a statement of facts. Read and accepted. & thereupon ordered, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition. Campbell

The committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Carter, respectfully, reports, that the Petitioner being one of the City watch on the evening of the twenty sixth day of July, last, saw Charles Porter committing a riot, with others in Prince street, Carter being then in pay of the City engaged in his official duties, on the twenty seventh the proclamation offering a reward of three hundred dollars reward was issued. On the 30th of July, Carter caused Porter to be arrested, & prosecuted him to conviction, Carter being then & still being a watchman of the City, receiving pay as such & having also received an extra compensation for services on the nights of the Presbyterian riots. Carter on the above facts claims the reward specified in the proclamation. After long deliberation your Committee are satisfied that the reward offered cannot in law be considered applicable to persons standing in the relation to the City, of officers whose official duties made it incumbent upon them to prosecute offenders made known to them, & convicted under such circumstances; for they believe that in law the reward offered would not be considered as applicable to such officers, for they are also of opinion that the admitting this claim on the ground of right would be contrary to sound policy & public interest. They deem it their duty to report, that the prayer of Thomas Carter

Carter's

Carter's petition ought not to be granted. In corroboration of this opinion your Committee have the honor to state that they have caused said proclamation with an exact statement of the case to be laid before three of the most eminent Counsel in our City, who concur unanimously in the opinion above expressed of your Committee; Also in the opinion that the board of Aldermen could not be justified in having the reward proffered by the proclamation to an officer of the City standing in the relation of Thomas Carter, except after a decision by a Court of law. In making this report, however, your Committee do not intend to deny that Thomas Carter has done worthily, in the arrest & incarceration of Charles Porter, and that on this account it will be in their opinion expedient that the board should take into Consideration the propriety of granting an extra Compensation by way of gratuity for his services; but they are decidedly of opinion that nothing should be granted to him as a matter of right under the proclamation. All which is respectfully submitted.

Nick Quincy, Chairman.

Read & accepted.

South Market Resolved, That the whole board will meet
Street tomorrow at one Oclock P. M. in South Market street for
the purpose of determining the Elevation & width of the
side walks in said street.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The Mayor — Aldermen Carney, Bellows, Marshall, and Welsh.

The board viewed South Market Street, and the several streets in its vicinity — Whereupon Resolved, That the side walkes of said South Market Street be laid fifteen feet wide, and that the side walks of the street running at right angles with South and North Market streets towards the Long wharf, be ten feet wide; and that the side walk of the new street between South Market & State streets be six feet & two thirds. South Market Street &c.

Ordered, That any part of the County Gaol or House of Buildings & yards within the precincts thereof, be used as Correction & House of Correction.

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Upon the petition of the Directors

Home of Correction

of the Home of Correction Ordered, that the Keeper of the Home of Correction be authorized to appropriate the same amount as the last year for the purpose of furnishing a Thanksgiving dinner for the inmates of the Home of Correction.

Petition of Levi Hupsey, and others,

Hupsey Watchmen

Watchmen of the City for an increase of wages. Read and committed to Aldermen Dyer & Marshall to consider & report.

The ordinance for preventing Destruction

Fire department Com. of Conf.

of fires, and establishing a fire department, came up from the Common Council concurred, in several of the amendments proposed by this board. Read again & this board adhere to their former vote, & thereupon Ordered, that Aldermen Bryant and Welsh be a committee to confer with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Common Council relative to the subject matter of difference between the two boards. Sent down for concurrence. Came up Concurred, and the Common Council appointed on its part Messrs Savage & Lodge.

An ordinance for regulating the weighing of hay, & for designating the stands for the sale of that article, and the resolve connected therewith. Read. Committed to the Mayor & Aldermen Welsh, to consider & report.

Hay

Petition of Hale Rand, for compensation for land taken to extend Spring street. Read and committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh to consider & report.

Rand

Spring St

The committee on the petition of David Greenough & John P. Shorndike, relative to their building on Governor's alley, reported, that in their opinion the Petitioners should be permitted to improve their land as they may think proper. Read & accepted. Greenough Gov.r alley

It having been represented to this board that Hezekiah Newton and Louis Norton, victuallers, have been convicted of keeping open their several places of business on Sunday evenings. Thereupon ordered, that said Newton & Norton be summoned to appear before this board on Monday next, seven o'clock P. M. & shew cause, if any they have, why their several licenses should not be revoked, for a breach of the licens law. Newton & Norton

Ordered, that the several petitions of Jeremiah Evarts, William Simmons, and Henry Dill, for remuneration for damage said to be done to their estates in consequence of digging down Pinckney street be committed to Aldermen Bryant & Welsh, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Mess.r Adan, Merian, & Willis. Evarts Simmons Dill Pinckney st.

Memorial of the Surveyors of Highways relative to widening & laying out a new of Court street rendered necessary since the late fire. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Bryant, Welsh & Oliver, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee with full power in case the sur- Court street

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veyors of highways shall lay out Court Street upon the plan specified in said memorial to make sale of all the land lying on the north side of Court Street, not comprehended in the street proposed in said memorial to be laid out, & also to sell so much of the land in the rear of the County Court house as they may deem expedient, reserving a sufficient space for a street or passage way to the County Court house, & also for such public building or buildings as they may deem suitable to erect on the remainder of the land. Also to purchase the estate adjoining Wm. Brooks' estate at the South corner of Court Street and sell or exchange the same, if they see fit, & also to determine the compensation to be paid those affected by the act of the Surveyors of highways, in case of sale or exchange of land, which may be expedient in consequence of the said laying out of Court Street, two thirds of the said Committee concurring in such sale, & in the principles of such compensation or exchange, & signing the same, as evidence of their concurrence; Provided, that said Committee shall not sell or dispose of any part of the County Lands between the County Court House & Court Street, without submitting their plan to the City Council and obtaining their sanction of the same. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs Curtis, Parry, Goddard, Bottinghum, Coolidge, Ballol and Fuller.

Williams N. & S. Market Streets.

Petition of John D. Williams, & others, owners of stores on North & South Market Streets, praying an abatement of interest on the purchase money & an abatement of taxes on the

the said property for such a period of time as it shall have been made unproductive by acts not their own, but those of the government of the City, by not having the Market house finished & the Street cleared up. Read & committed to the Committee for the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The committee on the subject of Dyke building a dyke, ask leave to lay before the City Council the progress they have made in carrying into effect their vote of the twenty fourth day of October last, wherein it was made a condition that the owners of the flats shall first release to the City all such of their lands as may be needed by the City for streets. Such release has been obtained from all such proprietors, saving the heirs of the late Robert Davis, being about thirty feet; and one other Mrs White, who has signed, the fee being in her, but her husband being absent, his signature has not been obtained. Under these circumstances your committee do not feel themselves warranted in proceeding to build the said dyke, without the authority of the City Council. They therefore recommend, that for the time being, those releases be dispensed with. Daniel Carney, John Bellows, Thomas Welsh, Junr Committee. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Committee be authorized to proceed notwithstanding the want of a release from the persons mentioned as excepted in said Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, six o'clock P. M.

Monday November 28th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board except Alderman Bellows.

Hunnewell & South Boston

Petition of Jonathan Hunnewell, & others, Proprietors of land at South Boston, praying, that the plan of the streets taken by Walker Withington, and the printed plan may be examined and compared by a Surveyor, & the true bounds & levels of the several streets there ascertained. Read & committed to Aldermen Bellows & Oliver, to consider & report.

Wise & Centre St.

Petition of Messrs. Wise, Barber and Bradley, praying to put suction pipes in the City's well in Centre street. Read & committed to Aldermen Dyer & Oliver, to consider & report.

Welsh & Common St.

Petition of Thomas Welsh, Jun. for compensation for land taken to widen Common street. Read and committed to Aldermen Bellows, Marshall & Oliver, to consider and report.

Lawrence & Bratle St.

Petition of A. & A. Lawrence, praying liberty to insert a suction pipe into the well in Bratle street. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake & Marshall to consider & report.

Notes &c. given in behalf of the City.

Ordered, That all notes & obligations, given by the City for moneys borrowed, or debts due from the City, shall be signed by the Mayor, & countersigned by the Treasurer, and Auditor of accounts, & that an account of all such notes & obligations be kept by the Treasurer & Auditor.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Order of the Common Council authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, at such times, & at such rates of interest, as the committee of finance may approve; reimbursable at the pleasure of the City, on thirty days notice, after two years, in whole or in part not less than ten thousand dollars. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. Treasurer borrow money

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Aaron Baldwin, requesting the surveyors of highways to open & build a street from his mills to Washington street, as laid down on a plan of neck lands. Report that said Baldwin having purchased of the City, the lot of land on which his mills are erected, with the express condition to make his own roads, the City is not bound to be at any expense in building the road prayed for, it will be perceived however, if said Baldwin is controlled to bear the whole expense the road will be such only as will accommodate himself, without any material benefit to the City; whereas if the City would consent to pay a part of the expense, said Baldwin is willing to open & build the street fifty feet wide, & with the confident expectation that the City would contribute something on their part, he has commenced the said street by placing slabs on the marsh & covering them with mud. & has extended three or four hundred dollars. Your committee are informed that the City have a contract with Thomas Williams, for a quantity of gravel at twenty cents per load of thirty hundred weight; & that the City teams are not employed, they therefore recommend that the City teams be employed in carting gravel on said street Baldwin

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under the direction of the Surveyors of highways. your committee are also of opinion that by adopting this measure the City will gain a handsome Commanding Street, having over their own Lands, which will add a value to them far beyond the expenditure. Which is respectfully submitted.

Daniel Carney. for order.

Read & accepted, & thereupon ordered, that the City Carts be employed to cart gravel on said Street, when they shall not be required for other work.

Lamb. State Street Alley

The committee of this board to whom was referred the resolve of the Common Council discontinuing the alley or way of about three feet wide running from State to Doane Streets. & the order appointing a Committee to be joined by this board, with authority to agree on the sum to be paid by Thomas Lamb, for such discontinuance, provided the board of Aldermen, shall think proper to discontinue the same — reported, that in their opinion it is expedient to discontinue the passage way alluded to, conformably with the resolution of the Common Council, with the following amendment viz: That the assent in writing of all the persons who are owners of estates bounding on Doane Street, shall first be obtained, and that the consideration to be paid by said Lamb shall be appropriated & applied to the widening of said Doane Street, at both extremities whenever such widening shall have been accomplished by the owners and abuttors on said Doane Street.

Per Committee J. Bellows.

Read and not accepted, and said resolve and order are non concurred.

Ordered, that the Overseers of the House of Correction, be authorized to use as a House of Correction such parts of the north Gaol house, and such parts of the south Gaol house as from time to time the Sheriff of the County may find it convenient to retain for the same purpose. At the request of the Sheriff the former votes on this subject are rescinded. House of Correction

Hezekiah Newton & Lewis Horton licensed victuallers appeared before this Board, agreeable to summons. And after a full hearing, it was thereupon resolved, that the several licenses which were granted by this Board to the said Newton & Horton, be & the same are hereby revoked, for a breach of the license law, they having been convicted of keeping their several places of business open on the evening of the Lord's day. Newton Horton Licens revoked

Ordered, That the City Clerk issue warrants for the meeting of the Inhabitants in their several Wards, on monday the twelfth day of December, next, for the election of Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council men & such other officers as are required by law. Ward meetings

Ordered, That notice be given in the newspapers, that the lists of voters are prepared & are placed in the Mayor & Aldermen's room, and all persons who have removed since the last Spring, and all persons whose names are not inserted on said lists, and are entitled to vote are requested to have them transferred & inserted in the several wards in which they now dwell. Voters

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Langley & Washington sts

Petition of Samuel Langley to purchase a piece of land on the westerly side of Washington street. Read & committed to the committee on Neck lands, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Whittemore's Tomb

Petition of Nathaniel Whittemore, & Ephraim Barrington, praying liberty to construct tombs under a house of public worship about to be erected by them at the corner of Seventh & Dorchester streets, between the Roman Catholic Church, & City burying ground. Read & committed to Aldermen Marshall & Oliver with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs Morey, Fisher & Tenney.

House of Correction Sennet

The Mayor to whom was referred the petition of the Directors of the House of Correction, reports that he has visited personally the Hospitals at Charlestown, and that however inconvenient, he sees no other place for retaining John Sennet, mentioned in said petition, than where he now is, to which the Direction of the House of Correction agree, though reluctantly. Read & accepted.

Neck lands

The committee reported the following. Ordered, That the committee on neck lands be & they hereby are directed to sell the strip of land adjoining Mr. Gore's lot, measuring about twenty two feet on Washington street, as described on the plan of the lots to be sold by public auction on the 21st instant, in addition to the two lots ordered to be sold by vote of the City

City Council, passed on the seventh day of November instant
Read and accepted. Sent down for Concurrences.
Came up Concurred.

Reservoirs

The committee on the expediency of Constructing Reservoirs, report, that they have duly considered this interesting subject, & that they view with great solicitude the present defenceless state of our City, in regard to the supply of water in cases of fire. The calamities under which we have so lately, & so severely suffered, afford us sufficient evidence, if any were wanting, of the necessity of some provision to supply this defect in our system. However defective our engines & other apparatus may be, the very great destruction of property at most, if not all our recent fires may be traced to the want of water. This in the opinion of your Committee can be both easily & cheaply supplied. For this purpose your Committee recommend that as many as twelve Reservoirs in addition to the two already ordered, be built forthwith to contain not less than two hundred & fifty hogsheads each, to be built of brick and Roman cement, or such other materials as may be necessary, the estimated cost of which on an average is five hundred dollars each. In fixing the number of Reservoirs at twelve in addition to the two already ordered, your Committee do not consider these as affording an adequate supply; but considering the near approach of winter, it is as probable, as many as could be built the present season, & are perhaps as sufficiently numerous to test their utility, yet, no doubt, three times their number will be ultimately required. In regard to the location

Reservoirs

tion of these reservoirs, your committee beg leave to suggest, the following places as affording the most abundant means of supply. They have also had reference to the most populous part of the City, as well as the amount of merchandize at risk; in which it is presumed that the individuals interested in it are residents, in every part of the City. They have also been influenced in their selection of places by the further consideration, that the public buildings near which they propose to build these reservoirs are already supplied with gutters & trunks, from which an ample supply of water can be obtained; & it is hoped that every public building will be supplied with these by the proprietors for this purpose, for their own safety, as well as that of the public. The places which are designated are as follows viz: Liberty Square & Union Street, new building; near Old State house; near new State house; Hanover Street, near new Church; Hanover Street near the Revd Mr. Ware's meeting house; — Bowdoin Square; Old South Church; vicinity of Theatre Federal Street; Broad Street; near Boylston Market; Common Street near St. Paul's Church; — Summer Street; near late Dr. Baldwin's meeting house & India Street. The more precise location is designedly left to the decision of the Mayor & Aldermen — All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

John Bellows.

Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

(Adjourned to Thursday next six o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Present_ The whole board.

Ordered, that George T. Hawes & John McNamara's demand for services in Broad street as deputy Marshals be committed to Aldermen Blake, Dyer & Bryant, to consider & report. Hawes & McNamara

Order of the Common Council authorizing & instructing the Mayor & Aldermen to construct as soon as may be thirteen additional Reservoirs near the places detailed in the report of a joint Committee on the subject, accepted by the City Council on the twenty eighth day of November, last, and that the sum of six thousand, five hundred dollars, be & the same is hereby appropriated for this purpose. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. Thereupon Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Welsh & Oliver be a committee to advertize for contracts & carry the same into effect. Reservoirs

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston, do hereby adopt an act, entitled "an act to regulate Hay scales" passed the twenty fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & twenty five. Sent down for concurrence Hay Scales

Came up concurred.

An ordinance for the regulating the weighing of Hay, and for assigning the stands for the sale of that article. Read and passed. Hay Weighing

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Female Scholars

Report of the School Committee, on the subject of allowing female Scholars to attend the Public Schools the whole year; that it would not be expedient at present to alter the regulations of the Schools now existing, relative to the time permitted for the attendance of female Scholars. Read and sent down.

Charlestown new Bridge

Skinner

Copy of the Petition of John Skinner & others, & an order of notice thereon, from the Legislature, for a new bridge from the Southerly side of Charlestown Square, to the westerly side of Canal street, in Boston, to be built by subscription to be maintained by the Counties of Suffolk & Middlesex. Read and sent down.

Carter

Watchman

It appearing to this board by the certificates of the Judge of the municipal Court, & others, that Thomas Carter, one of the City watch was chiefly instrumental in the arrest & prosecution of Charles Porter, one of the rioters in Prince street, & it also appearing to this board after consultation had, with Counsel learned in the law, that he is not entitled in law to the reward offered, in that case; but this board being desirous to encourage vigilance & alacrity in public officers, on such occasions, & deeming, from the circumstances, that the said Carter is deserving of some reward, in this respect. Thereupon Ordered, that the sum of fifty dollars be paid out of the City Treasury to the said Carter for his extraordinary services rendered in the arrest & prosecution aforesaid.

Wright

Broad way

The committee on the petition of Wm Wright, praying, that the street called Broad way, near the place

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where he is building, may be dug down — Reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said Petition.

Read & accepted.

The report of the committee appointed on the part of this board, to confer with a committee of the Common Council, on the subject of disagreement between the two branches of the City Council, to amendments to the ordinance for preventing & extinguishing fires, & establishing a fire department, being made & considered, it is thereupon ordered, that this board do recede from their vote making an amendment at (a) in the 1st §, & concur with the Common Council. This board proposes to insert instead of "three" in the amendment at (b) the word "one". And that this board do recede from the amendments proposed in the 2d § at (f) — in the 9th § at (j) — in the 11th § at (k) and concur with the Common Council. This board insists in the amendment proposed in the 16th § at (m) & proposes to add to the same the words following, viz: "the income of which shall be applied in such way and manner as the City Council shall hereafter determine". Read

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Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

An ordinance for the preventing and extinguishing of fires & establishing a fire department. Read & passed.

Fire department.

Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next six o'clock P. M.

Monday December 5th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board.

Lawrence Brattle st

The committee on the petition of A. & A. Lawrence for liberty to take water by suction from a well in Brattle street, reported that the prayer thereof be granted, upon paying therefor twenty dollars. Read & not accepted, & thereupon ordered, that the privilege be granted upon paying therefor five dollars per annum.

House of Industry, dead &c.

Communication of the Superintendent of burial grounds, relative to burying the dead from the House of Industry, & also relative to the tombs in the burial ground South Boston. Read & referred to the Mayor, to consider & report.

House of Correction

Communication from the Directors of the House of ~~Industry~~ Correction, relative to the management of that institution. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Blake & Welch, to consider & report.

Appleton Beacon st Engine.

Petition of Samuel Appleton, & others, praying, that an Engine may be located, in the vicinity of Beacon Street. Read & committed to the Mayor, to consider & report.

House of Correction Support of Paupers.

Communication from the Directors of the House of Correction, relative to amount due from sundry towns in this Commonwealth, to the County, for support of Paupers & Vagrants in the House of Correction. Read & referred to Aldermen Welch, with instructions to give the necessary directions to collect the amount due.

Communication from the Hay weighers of the Northern district, relative to making a deduction in the fees for weighing a whole Cargo. Read & committed to Aldermen Snow & Oliver, with instructions to make such deduction as may be thought just. Hayweighers.

Communication from the directors of the House of Industry, requesting that the street which crosses the South East of the Farm of that institution be laid or staked out. Read & referred to the Mayor, with instructions to employ S. P. Fuller, the Surveyor. House of Industry. Street thro' farm.

The Mayor nominated Edward Gray, a measurer of wood, at Canal Bridge, in Leverett street, & the board confirmed the same. Wood measurer.

Application of Richard Potter to be licensed to exhibit as a Ventriloquist, & other entertainments. Granted upon paying therefor, fifteen dollars, per week. Potter. Ventriloquist.

Edward Bell prays that the elevation of Traverse street may be determined. Read & committed to Aldermen Blake, Marshall & Crosby to consider & report. Bell. Traverse st.

Communication of P. S. Jackson, Agent of the Boston Manufacturing Company stating, that they intend to erect the next Brick Store on their estate commencing on Milk & Oliver streets, and that if any alteration of said streets be intended, they should like to know it, before making their contracts. Read & committed to Aldermen Marshall and Bryant, to consider & report. Boston Manuf.g Co. Milk & Oliver Streets.

Ebenezer T. Andrews' memorial and account for damages in consequence of alteration & repairs of house on Pinckney street, occasioned by lowering the level of that street. Read & committed to the committee who have under consideration the petitions of Jeremiah Evarts, & others, for similar claims, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

Andrews
Pinckney
street

Came up concurred.

The committee on Neck lands made a report, that they had made sale of eleven lots of land on Washington street, agreeable to the vote of the City Council. Read and sent down.

Neck lands

Petition of Moses Greenleaf, to purchase about or the whole of a township of land, belonging to the city, in the State of Maine, being No. 6 in the 4th range. Read & committed to the Mayor, Aldermen Blanchard, Bryant, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Savage, Hallet, Barry & Washburn.

Greenleaf
Eastern lands

Communication of the Auditor of accounts on the subject of the appropriation "for the erection of out buildings and appendages to the house of correction". Read and sent down.

Appropriation
H. of Correction

Adjourned to Monday next, six o'clock, P. M.

Monday December 12th. 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present The whole board, except Aldermen Blake and Bellows.

Order of the Common Council committing the Petition of the President & Directors of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation, relative to the dyke now building by order of the City, in the receiving basin; praying that Commissioners may be appointed to settle the rights of the parties — to Messrs. Williams, Parry, Lodge, Wells, Ballet, Hastings & Parker; with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to consider & report, with authority to consult & obtain the opinion of Counsel upon the subject, came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & Aldermen Carney, Bellows, Bryant, Welsh & Oliver. Boston & Roxbury Mill Co's

Order of the Common Council, committing the petition of Samuel Hammond, praying, some instruction or agreement as to the erection of the wall of the Store, that he is about to build, on the line of his land, & that of the City, — to the committee on the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, to consider & report. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Hammond

Order of the Common Council committing the report of Daniel Treadwell, Esq. on the subject of supplying the City with water — to Messrs. Parker, Ballet, Bates, Fuller & Rice, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, to ascertain upon what terms the sources of water mentioned in said report together with the Water

the privileges asked and thereto can be obtained, and report. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, & the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Bryant & Oliver are joined.

Harrington & others, New Street

Petition of Ephraim Harrington, & others, that a new street running west from Pleasant Street, to the flats, may be named & called Cedar Street. Read & committed to Aldermen Carney & Bellows, to consider & report.

Sweetser

Petition of Benjamin Sweetser, that the City would compensate him, for his stone on the Long Wharf, taken by the Surveyors of highways, for the purpose of opening a street on to the said wharf, running at right angles with North & South Market streets. Read & Whereupon ordered, that the sum of eight thousand dollars be paid said Sweetser in full for all damages in taking his stone & land, for the purpose of opening a street or highway as aforesaid.

Whitney, Pinckney St.

Petition of Samuel Whitney, praying compensation for damage in consequence of the digging down Pinckney street. Read & committed to the committee who have under consideration the petition of Jeremiah Evans, & others, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Watch House, Eliot Street

Ordered, that the ~~Superintendent of~~ Mayor be authorized to hire a watch house in Eliot Street, for a sum not exceeding five dollars, per month, & that he be authorized to make necessary repairs to the same.

Bye-laws.

The committee of the City Council on the revision of the bye laws, respectfully report, That in pursuance of the authority vested in them, & in a former committee, the Hon Daniel Davis, has been employed to collate, arrange & bring under general heads, all the acts of the Legislature relating to the police of Boston, all the bye laws, orders of the Selectmen of the town of Boston, & all the ordinances of the City Council. This work has been completed & delivered into the hands of the committee. On examining it, your committee are impressed with the importance of an early attention to the subject; inasmuch, as the present state of the laws, bye laws, & ordinances of the City is in many respects so confused; they are spread through so many volumes & embrace so long a period of time, as to render the knowledge and application of them extremely difficult, not only to the citizen, but to the executive & judicial officers of the City.

Previous to any publication of the work prepared by Mr. Davis, it appeared to your committee expedient, that all those bye laws & ordinances, which on any account it might be thought suitable to revise, or in any respect to alter, should be presented to the City Council for their consideration & sanction. In some instances the provisions of the ancient bye laws of the town are found inapplicable to the present state of the City; in others their language was found obscure, & in other respects exceptionable. Some new provisions, relating to some subjects, it has been thought expedient to introduce, & in general to bring into one ordinance subjects of the same nature, so far as they were within the sphere of the powers of the City Council.

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Bye laws

The alterations although numerous yet are many of them of a character about which there will probably exist but one opinion; those concerning of which adversity of sentiment may exist, will be it is apprehended few; & the labour of making the requisite alterations much less than might be anticipated. In order to facilitate as much as possible this labour to the City Council, your committee have directed Mr. Davis to prepare a series of ordinances relative to each subject, which it is deemed proper to submit to the City Council for revision; accompanied with a specification of the particular changes either in words or provision which is proposed. This will enable the City Council to perceive at once, the particular alteration proposed in connexion with the previous state of the bye laws or ordinances on that subject; & thus to accept, reject or modify the amendment proposed, at their discretion. This series of ordinances thus submitted by this Committee after they have had the sanction of the City Council, will, in connexion with the laws of the State, relative to the Police of Boston; & those ordinances of the City Council, which are deemed to require no modification, form a complete collection in one volume, of the existing laws & ordinances of the City; & when suitably indexed; as is proposed by Mr. Davis, & the subjects arranged under their appropriate heads, in the manner in which he has already executed it; the work will be a most valuable acquisition, not only to the citizen but to every branch of the City government. With these general views, your Committee ask leave to report five ordinances, intending successively to report the remaining ordinances as they shall

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be instructed by Mr. Davis, until all the subjects, in relation to which any modification is proposed shall be brought before the City Council, for their revision in the manner above suggested. All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee. Nath. Quincy, Chairman.

An ordinance relative to the acts of the City Council & the enacting style. Read and passed. Enacting style

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

An ordinance upon the subjects of taxes. Read and passed. Taxes

Sent down for concurrence

Came up concurred.

An ordinance directing the manner in which fines & penalties shall be recovered. Read & passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments. Fines & penalties

Read & concurred.

An ordinance establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the City. Read & passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments. Accountability

Read & concurred.

An ordinance directing the manner in which the ordinances of the City Council, & the orders of the Mayor & Aldermen shall be promulgated. Read & passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments. Promulgation of ordinances & orders

Read & concurred.

Communication from the auditor of accounts relative to changing the financial year from June to January. Read & committed to the committee on accounts to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred & the C. Council added Messrs Savage & Eddain. Financial year.

Faneuil Hall Market extension

The joint committee of the City Council on the subject of the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, respectfully report, That by the resolve of the City Council, passed on the eleventh day of March 1824, they were authorized to raise by way of loan, under certain limitations therein expressed such sums of money, as might be necessary for paying for estates purchased, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. The statement herewith exhibited made by the auditor of accounts will show in what manner they have exercised that power, how they have disposed of the funds in their hands, since the time to which the last annual report extends. By that statement it will appear that they have paid for the purchase of estates, & for City Stock taken up & cancelled $77,848. 02

For interest on various stock & notes 11,243. 42

For making the new streets, & building market house 43,058. 39

For various incidental expenditures 882. 02

Making a gross aggregate of ..... $133,000. —

That these payments have been made, out of the funds in the hands of the Committee to the amount of $92,000.

& the residue by loans obtained at 5 P. Cent. 41,000.

$133,000.

The application of the funds of the Committee to the payment of so great an amount of the former City Stock was deemed most for the interest of the City, rather than to renew that stock, inasmuch as no inconsiderable portion of it was at a rate of six per cent, & the Committee found at that time no difficulty in obtaining what it required at five per cent. The terms in which their authority was limited, A temporary change in the state of the money market however,

ever, renders it expedient that the power of the committee should in this respect be extended, so as they may be authorized to make loans for the purposes specified, at a rate not exceeding six per cent. Until the other resources of the Committee can be brought into activity an occasional exercise of power to borrow beyond the rate of five per cent. may be requisite, & the want of such authority will place the Committee, in their operations, under some disadvantages. Should the City Council concur in the general views the form of a resolution, embracing the limitations which exists in their present authority is suggested & respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy. Chairman.

Resolved, That the Committee for the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, be & they hereby are authorized, to raise by way of loan, at a rate of interest, not exceeding Six per Cent. from time to time, such sums of money, as may be necessary to pay for any estates purchased or taken for the said extension of Faneuil Hall Market, & streets leading to the same, & for building the said market house; Provided, that the terms of such loan shall be agreed to, by three fourths of the said Committee, who shall sign a vote to that effect; & provided also, that all stock issued as evidence of such loans shall be signed by the Mayor, & countersigned by the Treasurer & Auditor." Read & accepted, in the Common Council, & the resolve passed.

Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Sixty engine men were nominated by the Mayor to take charge of the new Engine Philadelphia & Hydraulion, which was confirmed by the board. Philadelphia Engine

The board proceeded to examine the

Mayor chosen returns from the several wards of the votes given in this day, for Mayor of the City of Boston, and they found the whole number of votes to be 1395,

Necessary for a choice 698.

The Hon. Josiah Quincy, had 1202.

& is duly elected Mayor of said City.

The board also proceeded to examine

Aldermen chosen the return of votes from the several wards for Aldermen, & found the whole number of votes to be 1465

Necessary for a choice 733

Daniel Carney had 1391

George Blake " 782

John Bellows " 1355

Josiah Marshall " 1350

Thomas Welsh Jun.d " 1306.

Henry J. Oliver " 1378.

And they are chosen. There are two vacancies.

Ordered, that the City Clerk publish the foregoing in the newspapers, & that the several Gentlemen elected be notified of their appointment.

Warrants

Ward meetings Ordered, that the City Clerk issue warrants for ward meetings, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the board of Aldermen, & such vacancy as may exist in the several wards, on Wednesday the 21st instant, at 12 o'Clock, the Poll to be kept open until three o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to Monday next, Six o'clock P. M.

Thursday December 15th 1825.

Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Bryant & Oliver.

A letter was received from George Blake, Esquire, declining to accept the office of Alderman for the ensuing year. Read & Thereupon ordered, that the City Clerk, cause the warrants for the next meetings to be so altered, as to provide for the filling the vacancy as above. Alderman declines

Adjourned to Monday next, Six o'Clock P. M.,

Monday December 19th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present — The whole board except Alderman Blake.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows & Bryant, be a committee to consider & report the proper Caps, Badges & Insignia of the fire department. Fire depart Insignia &c.

The committee to whom was referred the application of the Boston Mill Corporation, & also so much of the letter of H. G. Otis Esq. on the subject of the Canal Bridge, as leave to report so far as their commission relates to the Canal Bridge, that the said Bridge be raised twenty inches in height from its present elevation, & that while the additions which said Proprietors are now about making to the present Bridge, that the City make the Bridge passable for the advantage of its Boston Mill Corp.

Non

own lands lying on each side of the brook or canal, the plan & estimates - expense upon committee - hereunto Report all which is submitted. J. D. Dyer.

Read & thereupon - ordered, That the bridge over the canal be raised twenty inches agreeable to said report, & that the remainder of said report be postponed.

Sweetser

Petition of Benjamin Sweetser, praying that a committee may be appointed to settle the damages which he has sustained by reason of his land being taken to run out a street on to the Long wharf. Read and thereupon ordered, that it is inexpedient to take any further measures upon the subject.

D. of Correction

Ordered, That there be & is hereby added to the appropriation for erection of out buildings & appendages to the House of Correction the sum of Two thousand dollars.

City Treasurer to borrow money

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be & he is hereby authorized to borrow for the use of the City, the sum of Sixteen thousand dollars, at one time, & at such rates of interest as the committee of Finance may approve, reimbursable on the first day of January 1834. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Engine Co No 12 disbanded

Communication of Luther Felton master of Engine No 12, inclosing a vote of said Engine Company that the same be disbanded on the first day of January next. Read & committed to the Mayor with authority to organize another company.

It appearing to this board, that Jona.than Houghton, a watchman, has been killed, while on duty in the service of the City— Thereupon resolved, That the Captain of the Watch be authorized to continue said Houghton's name on the Pay roll; & that his wages be subject to the order of his widow for twelve months. 1101. Houghton Watchman killed

Petition of the Directors of the House of Correction, that the Mayor and Aldermen would fix their compensation. Read & committed to the Mayor Aldermen Blake & Welsh; to consider & report. H. of Correction

Ordered, That the Captain of the Watch, be directed to take due notice, & make return in writing, to be embraced in his usual return of all loads of wood, or other obstructions in either of the highways, of the City, during the night, together with the name or names of the occupiers of the dwelling house or tenement at whose door, gate or passage way the same lays, or at whose account any such obstruction is supposed to be placed. Watch Capt. directed

Petition of Isaac P. Davis, in behalf of himself, & others, owners of a piece of upland & marsh on Porter neck, adjoining land owned by the City, and praying, that the line may be straightened, or that the City would purchase the marsh land owned by said proprietors; or they are willing to purchase the City's marsh land adjoining. Read & committed to the committee on Neck lands to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Davis

Auditor's Financial year.

The joint committee of the City Council, to whom was referred the auditor's communication of the 12th instant, respectfully report, That the auditor of accounts should not be required the ensuing year to make his statement of receipts & expenditures in the month of January next. And that it be recommended to the City Council to amend the ordinance "establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the City," now on the table of the common Council, in the manner following viz: In the second section, second line, strike out "April" & insert "May." In the sixth section, the last clause to be amended to read thus "And from & after the end of the present municipal year, the said Auditor shall in the month of February, annually make & lay before the City Council an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the expenditure of the ensuing year, under the respective heads of appropriation, & shall on or before the fifteenth of the month of May, annually, make & lay before the City Council, a statement of all receipts & expenditures of the past year, giving in detail, the amount of appropriation & expenditure for each specific object." — That a new section be added after the sixth, viz: "Sec. 7. Be it further ordained that the City Treasurer shall make up his annual accounts to the thirtieth of April; & the financial year shall hereafter begin on the first day of May, & end on the thirtieth day of April, in each year." That sections 7th & 8th be amended & made sections 8th & 9th. By order of the Committee. Sabin Perrand, Chr. order. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. —

An ordinance to prevent the defacing and other injuries to buildings, fences, & other property. Read and passed. Buildings &c

Sent down for concurrence. Defacing &c

Came into concurrence.

George Read was licensed as an Auctioneer. Auctioneer

Adjourned to Monday next. Six o'clock P.M.

Special meeting.

Thursday December 22d 1825.

Present. The Mayor. Aldermen. Dyer, Marshall, Bryant, Welsh and Oliver.

The board proceeded to examine the returns of votes from the several wards, for three Aldermen to fill the vacancies in the board, & found the whole number of votes to be 1240.

Necessary for a choice 625.

John T. Loring. had	738.
Francis Jackson "	736.
Edward H. Robbins Jr.	762

Aldermen chosen

And they are chosen.

Ordered, That the City Clerk publish the foregoing in the newspapers, & notify the above named Gentlemen of their election.

Communication from Henry Inman, Warden of Ward No. 4, relative to the right of the Mayor & Aldermen directing the time for closing the Polls, at Ward meetings, & praying, that some opinion may be expressed, & order taken, upon the subject. Read & Com. to Ald. Welsh, to consider & report.

Ward meetings

Chimneys & Chim. Sweeps.

An ordinance for the regulation of Chimneys & Chimney Sweepers. Read & passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with an amendment. Read & concurred.

Trespasses & Common

An ordinance to prevent trespasses & nuisances on the Common & common lands of the City of Boston. Read & passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with amendments. Read & concurred.

Mayor's Message Census

Gentlemen of the City Council,

In pursuance of the authority vested in me, by the resolve of the City Council dated the 31st. of October, last, I have caused a census of all the inhabitants of the City to be taken, agreeably to the plan sanctioned by the City Council. In executing this authority, I have deemed it of the first importance that the mode selected should be one, calculated to give the most perfect satisfaction to the City Council & our fellow citizens, in the accuracy of the result. For this purpose, after consultation with the Board of Aldermen, two inhabitants of each ward were selected, who were well acquainted with it, & who were willing to take the labor of the office. In addition to which two others, inhabitants of South Boston, were added, who were similarly qualified, to take the census of that division of Ward No. 12. The result of their labors is contained in the thirteen manuscript books accompanying this report. The aggregate of those returns after being each examined and re-cast, by my direction, by the City Marshal, will appear in the document

marked A. By which it will be seen, that the total amount of the Inhabitants of this City, by this Census is, Fifty eight Thousand two Hundred & Eighty one. The amount by the Census of 1820, was, forty three Thousand, nine hundred & forty; making an increase in five years, of fourteen Thousand, three hundred and forty one. All which is respectfully submitted, by

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, Six o'Clock P. M.

Monday December 26th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board, except Alderman Blake.

An ordinance for the regulation of Horses & Carriages, within the City of Boston. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Horses & Carriages

N.B. This ordinance was referred to the next City Council by the Common Council.

An ordinance restraining the going at large of Dogs, within the City of Boston. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. Dogs.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Lewis, Gray & Allen, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, a committee to consider the authority & expediency of providing for the appointment of Special Constables. Read & con. Came up for con. Read & con. The Mayor, Ald. Welsh are joined. Special Constables.

School house Ward 12.

The committee of the Southern district to whom was committed the care & superintendence of the School house to be erected in ward number twelve, respectfully ask leave to lay before the Lody Council, a brief statement of their proceedings. They have the pleasure to state, that the said house is now completed, that is, so far as your committee felt authorized to proceed, and every part appears to have been done in a faithful & workmanlike manner. The basement has a commodious Ward room with a committee room adjoining; an engine house; a watch house, with two lock up rooms adjacent & two large cellars, each of the entire size of the building; The second & third stories being the School rooms are supplied with all the necessary writing tables & seats for the masters & scholars, & in a manner which appears to be highly satisfactory to several respectable teachers who were consulted concerning their construction, & nothing appears now to be wanting to render it fit for immediate occupation but stoves or furnaces for warming the house, to render it in every respect complete, as will appear by the subjoined statement, & estimate. That a small additional appropriation will be necessary. Your committee have been led into this apparent excess in expenditure by the following circumstances viz: The appropriation for the land & building, as will be recollected was twenty one thousand dollars; to this fund has been charged one hundred, thirty three dollars & thirty three cents, for interest, which had accumulated on the appropriation money for the lot, previous to our appointment - and the further sum of two hundred, thirty two dollars & seventy, five cents, has been charged to this fund for

filling

filling up the old cellar in front of the new house and 40½
preparing the lot for building. The sales of old buildings
on the said lot was $298. 10; which sum was paid into
the treasury. Had this money remained in the hands of
the committee, it would nearly have paid these two
first items, which perhaps ought not to have been charged
to the appropriation. But without those charges against
it, it will appear by the statement accompanying the
report, that the further sum of six hundred dollars
will be necessary to render the house
in every respect complete. D. Carney
W. Bilos Committee

Read & dont down.

Order of the Common Council, Campbell
directing that there be paid to Andrew Campbell, for the
services as an instructor at the Home of Industry, the sum
of eighty three dollars, & thirty three cents, in addition to
what has been paid him by the Directors of that insti
tution. Came up for concurrence.

Read & nonconcurred.

The auditor of accounts' communi- Kilby st. &
cation, inclosing an apportionment to defray the expenses of a Liberty sq.
Common Sewer constructed by the City of Boston, in Common Sewer
Kilby Street, from the termination of Water street, to
Central Street, and down Central Street; a branch of
which extends into Liberty Square. Read & passed,
and Ordered, That the amount be collected of the
several persons therein named.

George L. Hawes, a deputy marshal was Hawes.
discharged at his own request.

Wood measurer

Moses Wadley was nominated, and appointed a measurer of wood, in Cambridge street near West Boston bridge.

Ogilvie Menagerie of Animals

Petition of Archibald M. Ogilvie, for a license to exhibit a menagerie of living animals, at Clark's near Washington street, opposite Boylston Market, it consists of a Lyon, Camel, Tyger, Tygress, Leopard, Black Wolf, Bear, Calamount, Jackal, Wild Cat, Monkeys &c.

Read & the prayer thereof granted, upon paying therefor six dollars per month.

Boston M. Co Milk & Oliver Sts.

The committee on the petition of E.S. Jackson, Agent of Boston Manufacturing Company relative to the lines of Milk & Oliver streets report, the result of their investigation; which is that Oliver street has so much ascent, that it is very little used, except by those living on the street, & in their opinion it is inexpedient at present, to interfere with any arrangement of the premises. They further recommend, that any buildings to be erected on Milk street, between Oliver & Batten March street, should be built on, or within a line drawn from the north corner of the brick & brick buildings owned by the heirs of S. Salisbury, to the north corner of the wooden store of John Cotton, Esq. standing at the corner of Milk & Batten March street, as will appear on the plan laid before by J. P. Fuller, Surveyor.

John Bryant,
Josiah Marshall.

Read and accepted.

Greenough Common & Bond Streets.

The committee on the petition of David Greenough & John P. Bromfield, relative to the elevation of the street, corner of Common & Bond street,

Richard

report, that the elevation of the street & side walk is very well & convenient in its present state, & then recommend that it remain as it now is; but as Common street at its junction with Court street, would bear some reduction in its elevation with perfect convenience to the Citizens they would recommend, that the Petitioners have permission to reduce it under the direction of the Surveyors of high ways, on condition that the same should be done at the expence of the Petitioners.

John Bryant.
Thomas Welsh, Jun.

Read and accepted.

Remonstrance of William Vernon ag.st Vernon closing the Alley, leading from State street to Doane street; Read & committed to the joint committee who have under consideration that subject, to consider & report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The committee on the petition of Andrews Levi Andrews, & others praying, that a Lamp be lighted, at South street the extreme of the City, which they have placed on the house of Noah C. Chase, situated in the rear of Nathl Bastins' Brick house, near Front & South streets, & that said Place may be named South street place. Reported, that the prayer of said Petition be granted.

Read & accepted.

The Board reconsider their former Houghton vote passed on the nineteenth instant, relative to a grant to the widow of Jonathan Houghton a watchman who was killed when on duty in the service of the City, & thereupon ordered, that Aldermen Welsh & Oliver with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to report a statement of facts

facts, and what grant ought to be made to his widow & children, & in what manner. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, & the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Washburn, Frothingham and Dyer.

Nichols Ward No. 8.

Petition of Charles L. Nichols, & others, praying, that a new ward room & engine house may be erected in Ward No. 8. on a piece of land between the house of Enoch Marshall, Esq. & the Theatre now belonging to Josiah P. Bradlee & James A. Dickson. Read and thereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the next City Council.

Deputy Marshals

Ordered, that the subject of the demand of Messrs. James & McNamara, deputy marshals for compensation for their services, be referred to the next board.

Court Street widened.

Resolved, that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require, that Court street should be widened, & the same is widened & laid out as a Public Street & Highway, in manner following viz: beginning at the northwesterly corner of land of Peter L. Brooks, on the southerly side of Court street, & adjoining land of the late William Tudor; thence running southerly, on said Tudor's estate, about thirteen feet, two inches; thence turning & running easterly until it meets Washington street, parallel with a line drawn from the southwesterly corner of the estate belonging to Joseph Coolidge, at the corner of Hanover & Washington streets, to the southeasterly corner of the estate on Court street belonging to John Quincy Adams, & forty two feet distant therefrom, & bounded southerly, on other land of

said

said Brookes; thence turning & running northerly bounded on said Washington street, about twenty six feet to the present corner of Court street; thence turning & running westerly by the present line of Court street one hundred fifty one feet, nine inches to the first mentioned boundary. according to a plan of the same taken by S. P. Fuller Surv. dated

Court street past discon.

Resolved, that the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require, that part of Court street, should be discontinued as a public high way, & the same is discontinued accordingly, according to the following boundary & description viz: the following piece or parcel of land, lying in front of the estate of Peter C. Brookes, & bounded as follows viz: beginning at the south westerly corner of said Brooks' estate, on the present northerly side of Court street, & running by the front of said estate, & bounded northerly thereby, ninety five feet until it meets Washington street, at the southeasterly corner of said Brooks' estate; thence turning & running southerly in a line with the easterly point of said Brookes' estate on Washington street, about fifteen feet, three inches until it meets a line drawn from the southeasterly corner of Brookle Woolridge's estate at the corner of Washington & State streets, to the southeasterly corner of the estate belonging to John Quincy Adams; thence turning & running on said last described line & bounded southerly on Court street until it meets the easterly line of said Brookes' estate extended; thence turning & running on said extended line about four feet & one inch to the first mentioned boundary, according to a plan of the same taken by S. P. Fuller Surveyor, dated

Adjourned to Wednesday next, six o'Clock P. M.

Wednesday December 28th 1825.

Met according to adjournment

Present. The whole board, except Aldermen Blake & Marshall.

Hammond. Petition of Samuel Hammond, praying, 1st Liberty to lay the foundation & partition walls of his Store on the westerly line adjoining land of the City on North Market street, all upon the City's land and the City or its assigns to have the privilege of making use of the same, without expense for erecting the said walls, which is not to be less than four stories high, of the best quality. 2nd If more agreeable to the City, said Hammond will lay said foundation wall, one half on the land of the City, the City or its assigns agreeing to pay one half the cost of said wall, whereon the same is improved by him; it being understood that the City or its assigns, to make use of the wall to all intents & purposes as fully & effectually in erecting a building on the adjoining lot, as the said Hammond is entitled to, &c. The committee to whom said petition was committed, report, That the second proposition in said petition be acceded to, by the City Council, and that said Hammond be allowed to lay the foundation of his wall, one half on the City's land, on the terms therein expressed, he executing the same to the satisfaction of the Mayor & Aldermen &c. All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Order of the Common Council directing School house
that there be added to the appropriation for purchase of Ward No. 12.
land & erection of a new School house at the South East
of the City, the sum of one thousand dollars, & that the Appropriation
sum of five hundred dollars be withdrawn from the appro
priation for raising a new story on the Eliot school house
for accommodation of Ward No. 1, & that the sum of five
hundred dollars be withdrawn from the appropriation for
Repairs of Public buildings. Came up for concurrence.
Read & concurred.

Order of the Common Council dirct Common Sewers
ing, that there be added to the appropriation for com- Wells &
mon sewers, wells & pumps, the sum of five hundred dollars, Pumps.
that the same sum be withdrawn from the appropriation Appropriation
for incidental expenses & miscellaneous claims. Came up "
for concurrence. Read & concurred.

The Mayor reports, relative to the Brookline
line between the town of Brookline & this City, that he Boston
has caused a stone post to be placed on the line, where Line.
it intersects the Boston & Roxbury Mill dam, said post is
marked Bo. 1825. on the Boston side thereof and Br. 1825. on the
Brookline side. Read & accepted.

On the petition of the Overseers Overseers
of the House of Correction Ordered, that said Overseers H. of Correction
be authorized to receive for their services out of the wages of
the prisoners, the sum of two hundred dollars, each,
per annum, payable quarterly, commencing on the first
day of October, last.

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Penniman Washington Stad.

Ordered, That Aldermen Dyer and Bryant be a committee to confer with Elisha Penniman and ascertain whether he is ready to take down the front of the house or store belonging to him on Washington Stad, for the purpose of widening said Stad.

Theatrical Exhibitions

It is ordered, that all theatrical or other exhibitions or public shows, which hereafter may be licensed by this board may be revoked or suspended, notwithstanding the terms of such license, whenever in the opinion of the Mayor & Aldermen, for the time being, the same shall be necessary to preserve order & decorum, & to prevent the interruption of peace & quiet:- Provided always, that whenever any revocation of the entire remainder of any term shall take place & the same shall not be in consequence of any culpable act or omission of the Managers or proprietors of such shows or exhibitions or of the person or persons licensed in that respect, that such part of any sum of money, which may have been previously paid for such license shall be returned to the person or persons, having the same as shall be proportional to the unexpired ~~time~~ part of the term of such license.

Theatre license

Ordered, That the City Clerk notify Elizabeth Powell, Thomas Milner, and Henry James Finn; that this board do order, that the license of the Federal Street Theatre terminate on the tenth day of January next, unless on application the Mayor & Aldermen shall see fit to renew the same.

Deer Island.

Ordered, that the subject of leasing Deer Island be referred to next City Council.

The committee of the City Council on the subject of the improvement authorized by said Council in Court street, by order of twenty first of November last, Respectfully report, That the Surveyors of highways having laid out Court street, according to the plan specified in their memorial of the last mentioned date your Committee proceeded to negociate with the Hon. Peter C. Brooks Esq. for the estates belonging to him, which were included in the street as thus laid out. The negociation finally terminated in an arrangement whereby the City agreed to purchase the estate adjoining said Brooks' estate at the price of thirty thousand dollars, conformable to the specific authority of the City Council. This estate with the rest of Court street which by the new location of Court street is excluded from it on the northern side was exchanged with said Brooks, in full for all the land taken from him, on the southern side; he having to the City ten thousand dollars, in five per cent. City stock, in lieu of all advantages gained by him on this arrangement. Court street

This agreement having been sanctioned by the majority required by the vote of the City Council above mentioned, the Mayor proceeded to make the necessary arrangements for its execution under the sanction of the same Committee.

In order to purchase the Cunningham estate it was necessary to agree to issue a stock for twenty thousand dollars, at five per cent. payable quarterly, during the life time of his wife, & the principal to be paid to her heirs after her decease, and a five and a half per cent. stock for ten thousand dollars, the interest, payable semi-annually, & the principal at the expiration of five years. On these

terms

Court House. terms the purchase was effected, the title vested in the City & was transferred to said Brooks, with the right to the land excluded from Court House, to be taken possession of, as soon as Court House in its new form should be completed, to the satisfaction of the Surveyors of highways, on which transfer said Brooks delivered to the Mayor Ten thousand dollars, five per cent, Faneuil Hall market stock, which having been cancelled, has been delivered to the Treasurer of the City. Except so far as it respects some leases of a mina character on which the City are indemnified by agreements in the hands of the Mayor, this important improvement may be considered as completed so far as respects said Brooks' estate. The only remaining estate lying in the course of the proposed improvement belonging to Frederic Tudor, Esq. lies wholly within the bounds of the Surveyors of highways, who will take the same according to law, & agree for the same with the proprietor as may be found practicable or expedient. Notwithstanding the general powers of the Committee were ample for all the purposes specified, yet inasmuch as an agreement for a stock has been necessarily made, under those general powers, it is apprehended that it will be most formal & proper, that a specific authority for the issuing such stock should in this case be given by the City Council, on which being issued, it is agreed that the contents of the agreement for this stock now existing in the hands of the Cunninghams should be cancelled: Your committee therefore respectfully recommend the following resolve. All which is submitted. By order of the committee. Josiah Quincy, Chairman

Resolved, That the Mayor be & hereby is authorized

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to cause to be issued to Abigail Cunningham, a stock for twenty thousand dollars, at five per cent. interest, payable quarterly during life, & the principal after her decease to her heirs at law. And that he be also authorized to issue to Abigail L. Cunningham, a stock for ten thousand dollars, with five & a half per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, & the principal reimbursable at the end of five years, from the date.

Read & passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.

Read & concurred.

Adjourned to Friday next, six o'Clock P. M.

Friday December 30th 1825.

Met according to adjournment.

Present - The whole board except Aldermen Blake and Bryant.

The committee on the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, to whom was referred the petition of John D. Williams & others, Proprietors of the South Market Street Blocks respectfully report, That they have taken the same into consideration, heard the petitioners & are of opinion, that so far as the claim of those proprietors is founded on the widening of South Market street, since the sale to the Proprietors of the south block, it is without any just colour or foundation. North Market street has not been narrowed. There was no pledge given or intimated at the sales, that South Market street should not be widened. The right to do it was confessedly within the power of the Surveyors of Highways.

Williams & others. N. & S. Market streets.

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Williams N. & S Market Streets.

The disadvantage there resulting is altogether a matter of surmise & problematical. If by no means follows, because by widening South Market Street is made better, that therefore North Market Street is made worse. —

The next ground of claim is the unfinished state of the Market house; which the Petitioners consider as entitling them in equity to a remission of interest on their respective purchases, & the present years taxes. They produce to no claim in law. On this ground of claim your Committee remark, that the unfinished state of the Market house, has been the consequence of no act of the City, but has been solely owing to the default of the Contractors. That altho' it was expected that possession of the Market house would have been had before the end of the present year; yet there was no engagement made by the City authorities to that effect. There was a fair & honourable ~~understanding~~ understanding that the City should complete that building & the circumjacent streets, as soon as possible. It was its own interest that this should take place. The City have neglected nothing to effect that honourable understanding; it has itself sustained great loss by the failure of the Contractors to fulfil their engagements. For loss consequent on such delay, occurring under such circumstances, your Committee are of opinion that the City is as little responsible in equity, as it is admitted to be in law. On the subject of remission of taxes, your Committee have ascertained, that the objections in consideration of the state of the property, & of the fact, that the Proprietors were paying an interest to the City before their land was brought into profitable occupation, did

apon the property in both blocks, at a ratio fifty per Cent. less than that which applies to the general property of the City. Your Committee therefore are of opinion, that in neither of the respects of interest or taxes are the petitioners entitled to the remission they solicit.

Your Committee are more especially confirmed in this opinion, from the fact, that although temporily the delay complained of, may be a disadvantage to the Petitioners; yet the great improvements made already in that vicinity, beyond any rights those purchasers had, at the time of the purchase to claim; & the improvements now contemplated, & which in no great distance of time must be there effected, are of a nature, in the apprehension of your Committee, to satisfy even the proprietors of those blocks themselves; but certainly all impartial men, that considering the whole effects of the doings of the City, there will be no reasonable grounds for the indemnification solicited in their petition; wherefore your Committee recommend, they have leave to withdraw.

By order of the Committee, Josiah Quincy, Chairman. Read & accepted in the Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Communication from Samuel McCleave Hewes, Superintendent of burial grounds, inclosing a petition from a committee of the Hawes burying ground South Boston praying, that two additional undertakers may be appointed for said ground. Read and committed to Alderman Carney, to consider and report.

Hewes

Hawes burial ground

Rand Spring street

Petition of Hale Rand, praying an allowance for land taken for the purpose of extending Spring street, of which she is the owner. Read & committed to Alderman Welsh, to consider & report.

Ancient records

The committee upon the subject of the ancient records, reported, in part, that they have suspended the examination & filing of said records, until the further instructions of the City Council can be obtained. Read & ordered to lie laid on the table.

Penniman Washington street.

The committee appointed to confer with Elisha Penniman, reported, that they have called upon said Penniman but have not had an interview with him. They notified his partner, that the City authorities were now ready to make the alteration on the premises. Read & thereupon ordered, that notice be given to said Penniman, that he be required to take down the front of his building, which was taken by the Surveyors of Highways, for the purpose of widening Washington street, agreeable to his agreement; & that if he shall not immediately proceed to take down the same in pursuance thereof, the Surveyors of Highways will proceed forthwith, and take down that part of said building, which projects into said street, agreeable to a former vote of the Board.

Members elect notified

Ordered, that the City Clerk publish a notice in the newspapers to notify the members elect of the board of Aldermen and Common Council to meet

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in their respective rooms, on Monday next, ten o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of organizing the City Council.

Ordered, that all matters & things not acted upon, be referred to the next board of Aldermen.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest

Samuel J. McCleary, City Clerk.

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the board of Aldermen for the year 1825, viz: from the third day of January to the thirtieth day of December 1825, both inclusive.

Attest

S. J. McCleary,

City Clerk.

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